

ORANGE - MASSACHUSETTS



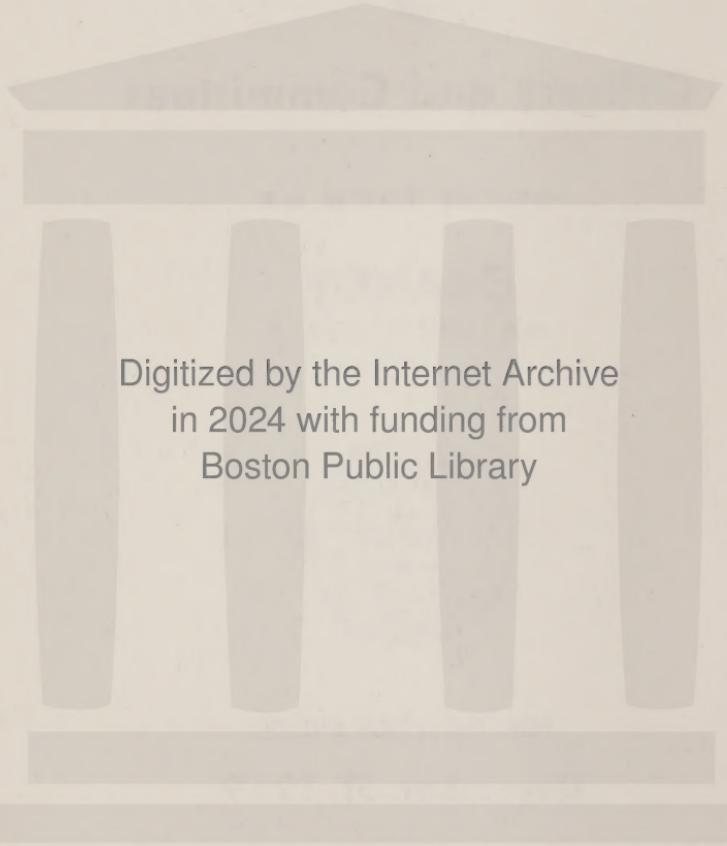
1969
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF
Officers and Committees
OF THE TOWN OF
ORANGE
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1969

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RICHARD MCKENNA SHEA

January 14, 1932 January 13, 1970

Served as Selectman from March 1966 until his death on January 13, 1970. He also served as Executive Director of the Orange-Athol Industrial Development District.

His death removed an important citizen from Orange and was a sad loss to the Town and to his many friends in the area. Though ill health had plagued him most of his life, he refused to give in to it and maintained his interest in all phases of community life. He had a keen mind and a vast knowledge and interest in town affairs and finances. His counsel will be sorely missed.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1969

ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger W. Mallet	Term expires March, 1970
James A. MacKnight	Term expires March, 1971
Richard McK. Shea	Deceased Jan. 13, 1970

MODERATOR

Delbert A. Witty	Term expires March, 1970
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Glenn E. Whitney	Term expires March, 1970
Clarence E. Goodnow	Term expires March, 1971
Durward E. Cornwell	Term expires March, 1972

TOWN CLERK

Ruth B. Smith	Term expires March, 1972
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TOWN TREASURER

Geraldine Wannberg	Term expires March, 1970
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TAX COLLECTOR

Geraldine Wannberg	Term expires March, 1970
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Wayne E. Miller	Term expires March, 1970
Miles W. Spooner	Term expires March, 1971
Marilyn Johnson	Term expires March, 1972

CONSTABLES

Alfred L. Baker	Term expires March, 1971
Norman R. Autio	Term expires March, 1971
Raymond E. Kelly	Term expires March, 1971

TREE WARDEN

Clifford P. Welcome

Term expires March, 1970

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Geraldine B. Augustine
 Janet W. Knight
 Clifford J. Fournier
 Richard O. Chiasson
 Jean K. Chase
 Marilyn J. Spooner

Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1972
 Term expires March, 1972

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

K. Harrison Noyes (Resigned 6/16/69)
 Warren B. Lovejoy
 Claudia B. Istel
 Thomas A. Harty
 Bradford A. Mackey
 Henry A. Maroni
 Clifford J. Fournier

Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1972
 Term expires March, 1972
 Appointed.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Erle C. Witty
 Victor H. Coleman
 Robert P. Collen
 Almira L. Estabrooks
 L. Doris Olson
 Raymond G. Choate

Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1972
 Term expires March, 1972

TRUSTEES SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL HALL

Allyn W. A. Wright
 Webster M. Brown (Deceased 8/16/69)
 Donald G. Olson
 George E. Cullen, Sr.
 Louis P. Delano
 Royal H. Roach

Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1970
 Appointed
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1972
 Term expires March, 1972

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Miles W. Spooner
 Richard H. Holmes
 Joseph E. Botti

Term expires March, 1970
 Term expires March, 1971
 Term expires March, 1972

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Leslie J. Laughton	Term expires March, 1970
Leslie H. Laughton (Resigned 8/15/69)	Term expires March, 1971
Edward A. Tacy, Jr.	Appointed
John W. Blackmer	Term expires March, 1972

ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

William K. Babel	Term expires March, 1970
Kenneth C. Akey, Jr.	Term expires March, 1971
Lottie M. Bergeron	Term expires March, 1973
Robert L. Howes	Term expires March, 1974
Edwin W. Lawson - Governor's appointee	

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

PLANNING BOARD

Mary Rembe		Term expires March, 1970
Claudia B. Istel		Term expires March, 1971
Edward S. Harris	(Resigned)	Term expires March, 1972
Roger H. Tolman		Term expires March, 1973
Richard Ballou		Term expires March, 1973
Noah Edminster	(Resigned)	Term expires March, 1974

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alan R. Baldwin		Term expires March, 1970
George R. Theriault	(Resigned)	Term expires March, 1970
Robert Y. Worster	(Resigned)	Term expires March, 1971
Ralph Spooner		Term expires March, 1971
Robert Whitaker	(Resigned)	Term expires March, 1971
Bernard Dodge		Term expires March, 1972
Richard R. Hall		Term expires March, 1972

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis Gallagher		Term expires March, 1970
Mearle W. Fleming		Term expires March, 1971
John E. Roche, Jr.		Term expires March, 1972

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Stewart Marshall		Term expires March, 1970
Norman G. Sixt, Sr.		Term expires March, 1970
Carl H. Abrahamson		Term expires March, 1971
Lloyd A. Taylor		Term expires March, 1971
John E. Holston		Term expires March, 1972

TOWN COUNSEL

Delbert A. Witty

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ruth B. Smith

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

William B. Piper

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Albert Parmenter

DISTRICT DEPUTY CHIEF

Vernon Hamlett

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

William B. Piper

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

Thomas G. Reynolds

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Ralph Robbins
David Gale
Carl Willard
Maurice Johnson

CHIEF OF POLICE

Kenneth E. Smith

PERMANENT FULL TIME OFFICERS

Harold J. Warner
Calton W. Spear
Lee Bergquist
James B. Patrick
Richard B. Murcell
Robert D. Fiske
Jonathan Jennison

SPECIAL POLICE

Ralph Robbins
Miles Eastman
Anthony Testa
Alfred Boudreau
Norman Day
Howard Ezrow

Kenneth Gleason

Donald Dennis
Stanley W. Cleveland
Axel P. Peterson
Floyd Cowl
Ellsworth Cota
Lewis J. Baker

KEEPER OF THE LOCK-UP

Kenneth E. Smith

DOG OFFICER

Lee Bergquist

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Francis Gallagher

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Raymond J. Rivers

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Stanley W. Cleveland

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

William H. Priestly

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

George A. Hunt

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Lewis C. Marble

MILK INSPECTOR

Edgar T. Hume

HEALTH AGENT

Edgar T. Hume

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Porcari

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Rodney E. King

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE

Section 1 The Board of Selectmen of the town of Orange shall have the charge and management of all suits and actions at law for and against the town, and may prosecute, defend or settle the same as they see fit, unless otherwise directed by the vote of the town.

Sec. 2 The word "street" or "streets" in these by-laws shall be understood to mean and include alleys, lanes, courts, public squares, public places and all public ways, and shall include the sidewalks thereof, unless otherwise expressly stated.

Sec. 3 The Board of Selectmen may change the name of any street and shall establish the names of all streets hereafter laid out and accepted by the town or any other authority.

The said Board shall cause the names of all streets to be recorded in the records of the town, and shall cause signs with the names of the respective streets thereon to be secured and maintained at proper places on said streets.

Sec. 5 No person shall coast or slide on the snow or ice, across, in or along any street or other public place, upon any hand sled, board or other thing except in such places and under such restrictions as the Selectmen shall designate.

Sec. 6 No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or firearms in or across any of the streets, within the town, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or review under the authority of a commissioned officer of the militia, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor to any person firing a salute of cannon by leave of the selectmen.

Sec. 9 No person shall ride or drive any horse or other animal on any public way at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles per hour, nor in such manner as to endanger or unreasonably incommodate passengers therein.

Sec. 10 No person shall tie or fasten any horse or other animal to any ornamental shade tree, vine, or shrub in any street or on any public land, or to any structure put up for the protection of such tree, vine or shrub or to any pole used for the transmission of electricity.

Sec. 11 No person shall suffer any horse or other beast attached to any carriage to go at large without a driver or rider in any street or public square.

Sec. 12 No owner or person having the care of any swine, sheep, horse, mules or neat cattle, shall permit or allow the same to go at large in any highway or public place within said town.

Sec. 13 No person shall break or dig up the ground in that portion of any highway or street, wrought for travel, or except as provided in Sections 29, 30 and 31, place thereon any wood, timber, coal, earth, stone, bricks, lumber or building material, or any dirt or ashes, or any animal or vegetable substance, or any rubbish, or offal or obstruction of any kind, or move any building into or along the same without a written license from the Selectmen.

Sec. 14 Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near each other on any sidewalk or on land used for a sidewalk or street in such a manner as to obstruct or impede public travel after having been requested by any constable or police officer to move on.

Sec. 15 No person shall loaf upon any sidewalk or land used for a sidewalk or street after having been requested by any constable to move on.

Sec. 16 No person shall behave himself in a disorderly manner or use any indecent or profane language on any street, highway, or other public place in said Town, or be and remain upon any doorstep, portico or other projection from any house or other building, after having been requested by any person in charge of such premises or by any constable or police officer to leave.

Sec. 17 No person shall spit tobacco juice on the floor of any room in any public building or on the floor of any hall or entrance to any public building in said Town.

Sec. 18 No person in a state of nudity shall bathe in any pond, stream, or other place exposed to public view, or in the vicinity of any dwelling house, between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.

Sec. 19 No person shall place or cause to be placed in any yard or passage way to any engine house or other building under the care of the fire department, any obstruction to the taking out or putting in of any engine, carriage or other apparatus belonging to the fire department.

Sec. 22 No person shall place or keep any table, stall or booth or other erection in any street, highway, sidewalk, or in any of the public squares or grounds in the Town, for the sale of fruit or other things without permission from the Selectmen.

Sec. 23 No person shall ring or cause to be rung any bell, use or cause to be used any horn or other instrument in any street or public place in said Town, to give notice of any business or calling or sale of any article, or shall sell or offer for sale by public proclamation in any street or public place, any article, unless duly licensed by the Selectmen.

Sec. 24 No person shall in any manner injure any of the pumps, wells, drinking fountains or watering troughs in the streets or public grounds, of said Town, nor shall throw or place any substance in said pumps, wells, drinking fountains or watering troughs, and the drinking cups provided for said fountain shall be deemed a part of said fountain within the meaning of this by-law.

Sec. 26 No person shall, without written permission of the Board of Selectmen, post or paste any advertisement or notice upon any shade tree, bridge, fence, guide post or pole used for the transmission of electricity in the Town.

Sec. 27 No person shall scatter handbills, flyers, printed or written advertisements or circulars in or on any street within one half mile of the Town House.

Sec. 28 No person shall discharge any waste water or water from a sink or water closet, except through a drain into a sewer or cesspool, or in accordance with a written permit from the Board of Health.

Sec. 29 The Board of Selectmen shall cause the snow and ice to be made even upon or removal from the sidewalk adjoining School houses and other town property within one mile of the Town House, and the sidewalks on the bridges over the river and railroad on South Main Street, and if necessary to cause sand or some suitable material to be scattered upon the same to render them reasonably safe for travel.

Sec. 30 Rescinded at Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1960.

Sec. 31 Rescinded at Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1960.

Sec. 32 Any person guilty of a violation of any of these by-laws from number four to twenty eight inclusive, shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

The foregoing is a true copy of the By-Laws approved by Hon. Franklin G. Fressenden, one of the justices of the superior court May 7, A. D., 1872.

Attest: EDWARD E. LYMAN, Clerk

BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS, JUNK DEALERS,
DEALERS IN SECOND-HAND ARTICLES AND JUNK COLLECTORS,
ADOPTED MARCH 1, 1915.

Section 33 No person shall hawk or peddle any of the articles which he may lawfully sell without a license until he has recorded his name and residence with the town clerk and has been assigned by said clerk a number.

Sec. 34 No hawker or peddler shall carry or convey any article he may lawfully sell without a license in any manner that will tend to injure or annoy the public health or comfort, nor otherwise than in vehicles or receptacles which are neat and clean and do not leak, and which have printed on them, in letters and figures at least two inches in height, the name of the person selling and the number given him by the town clerk.

Sec. 35 The selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in, and keepers of shops, for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals, or second-hand articles, subject to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth, and may revoke such licenses at pleasure.

They may also license suitable persons as junk collectors, to collect by purchase or otherwise, junk, old metals and second-hand articles, from place to place in the town, subject to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth, and may revoke such licenses at pleasure.

Sec. 36 Every keeper for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand articles shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made. Such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the selectmen and to any person by them authorized to make such inspection.

Sec. 37 No keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk old metals or second-hand articles, and no junk collector, shall directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive, by way of barter or exchange, any of the articles aforesaid, of a minor or

apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such, and no article purchased or received by such shop keeper shall be sold until at least one week from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed.

Sec. 38 Every keeper of such shop shall put in a suitable and conspicuous place on his shop, a sign having his name and occupation, legibly inscribed thereon in large letters, and every such shop shall not be open except during the time between sunrise and nine o'clock of the evening of each week day.

Sec. 39 Every shop, place, vehicle or receptacle used for the storage, collection or keeping of junk, old metals or second-hand articles, and all articles of merchandise therein may be examined at all times by the selectmen, or by any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Sec. 40 Junk Collectors shall display badges upon their persons, and upon their vehicles when engaged in collecting, transporting or dealing in junk, metals or second-hand articles. Said badges so to be displayed upon the person shall be circular in form, of a diameter not less than two and one-half inches, and shall bear upon the face thereof, in plain letters, the words, "Junk Collector", together with the number of the license of such junk collector. The badge so to be displayed upon the vehicle shall be rectangular in form, of dimensions not less than eight by six inches, and shall bear upon its face the words, "Junk Collector", and the number of the license of such collector.

Whoever violates any of these by-laws from No. 33 to No. 40 inclusive, or any provisions thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the by-laws presented to and adopted by the Town of Orange at its annual meeting, held March 1, 1915.

Attest: T. WESLEY BRIDGE, Town Clerk

The foregoing by-laws are approved with the exception of the last three lines of Article 37, to wit: "and no article purchased or received by such shopkeeper shall be sold until at least one week from the date of its purchase has lapsed," which are disapproved.

HENRY C. ATWILL, Attorney General

Published in Orange Enterprise and Journal, May 28, June 4 and June 11, 1915.

CURFEW LAW

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, held in said town Monday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1919, under Article 14 in warrant for said meeting, the following by-law was adopted:

"No person under the age of sixteen years shall be or remain in or upon any street or public place in the town at night after the hours of nine o'clock (sun time) between the first day of April and the thirtieth day of September, both inclusive, of each year, or at night after the hours of eight o'clock between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of March, both inclusive, of each year, unless he is actually employed in some work that makes it necessary, or is accompanied by a person properly having care and custody of him, or a person to whom he has been particularly intrusted by some one who properly has general care and custody of him or is engaging in the performance of some mission or duty directed by a person having his general care and custody. Any person violating this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than ten dollars.

Attest: T. WESLEY BRIDGE, Town Clerk

Orange, Mass. June 12, 1919

Boston, Mass., September 19, 1919

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

A line copy.

Attest: T. WESLEY BRIDGE, Town Clerk

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at a special town meeting held July 23, 1929, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, the following by-law was adopted.

Voted: That the Tax Collector shall be Town Collector and shall collect all accounts due the town. All departments charging accounts to be collected shall commit to the Collector, as frequently as once a month, commitment with a statement of the name and address of the firm or person from whom money is due, the nature of the service rendered, and a description of and the price charged for materials sold, and the date on which service was rendered or materials sold. The Town Collector shall pay over to the Town Treasurer at regular

intervals and as often as once each month, all sums collected with a record thereof, and take the receipt of the Town Treasurer thereof.

Attest: ROBERT H. ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Orange, Mass., August 13, 1929

Boston, Mass., August 13, 1929

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

JOSEPH E. WARNER, Attorney General

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, at a town meeting held February 15, 1937 at 7:30 in the afternoon, the following by-law was adopted under Article 19:

Voted: That the town rescind the action taken in Article 4 at the town meeting held February 5, 1934 and adopt the following By-Laws:

a. There shall be a finance committee consisting of seven members who shall reside in the town and shall be registered voters therein. No officer or employee of the town shall be eligible to serve on said committee. Within ten days after the final publication of the By-Laws in case it shall be approved by the Attorney General, the moderator shall appoint two members of the Finance Committee to serve for three years. All appointments to the Finance Committee heretofore made and in effect at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws shall continue in force until the expiration of the respective terms of appointment. Within ten days after each annual meeting after 1936 the Moderator shall appoint for the term of three years such number of members of the Finance Committee as shall be necessary to replace the members whose terms have expired. In the event of a vacancy for any other cause than expiration of term of office, the Moderator shall forthwith fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. The Finance Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary.

b. In addition to the duties with relation to the reserve fund prescribed by law, the Finance Committee shall consider all municipal questions involving the appropriation of money, and may consider any municipal question, make such recommendations as the Committee deem advisable upon all subjects considered by it, and shall submit its recommendations and report to each town meeting, regular or special.

Attest: ROBERT H. ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Orange, Mass., March 2, 1937

Boston, Mass., March 19, 1937

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

PAUL A. DEVER, Attorney General

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at a town meeting held March 6, 1939 at 7:30 in the afternoon, the following by-law was adopted:

Voted: That there shall be an annual audit of the town accounts under the supervision of the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporation and Taxation in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Attest: ROBERT H. ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Orange, Mass., April 25, 1939

Boston, Mass., May 4, 1939

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

PAUL A. DEVER, Attorney General

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at the Annual Town Meeting held March 7, 1960 at 8:00 in the afternoon, adopted the following by-law:

"The owner or tenant of any Real Estate abutting upon any sidewalk, now in use within the town, shall cause the same to be cleared of snow, ice or sleet within twenty-four hours after the ceasing to fall or accumulation of snow, ice or sleet from any other cause, and if the same cannot wholly be removed, shall cause sand or other suitable substance to be spread thereon so that sidewalks will be safe for travel. Any person violating the provisions of this by-law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense."

A true copy of by-law adopted by the Town of Orange.

Attest: RUTH B. SMITH, Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., March 30, 1960.

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

E. J. MCCORMACK, JR., Attorney General

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at the Annual Town Meeting held March 7, 1960 at 8:00 in the afternoon, adopted the following by-law:

"If in the calendar year 1960, or in any calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount received for water revenue including revenue received for Hydrant service, exceeds the aggregate amount appropriated for the Water Department, such excess shall be set up on the books of the town as Available Water Surplus and may be appropriated subsequently for water purposes. If the aggregate amount appropriated for the Water Department exceeds the aggregate amount of such water revenue, and the Water Commissioners shall take such action, either by the increase of water charges, the reduction of expenses, or the recommendation to the Town for an increase in hydrant rentals, as is necessary to provide funds to reimburse the Town for the amount due. If a deficit exists, any unexpended balance of Water Appropriation at the close of the year shall be applied toward the reduction of such deficits, so far as may be necessary, and when there is no deficit such balance shall be credited to Available Water Surplus."

A true copy of by-law adopted by the Town of Orange.

Attest: RUTH B. SMITH, Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., March 30, 1960

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

E. J. MCCORMACK, JR., Attorney General

Pursuant to a Warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at the Annual Town Meeting held March 13, 1961 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, adopted the following by-law:

"All motor boats must (except when prevented by a narrow channel or when approaching or leaving the shore or other boats, or passing under bridges or rounding sharp bends) keep 150 feet distant from

anchored or moored areas, skin divers' flags, or the shore. In all such cases the speed of such motorboats shall be reduced to headway speed, so as to provide full visibility and control, and prevent their wash from being thrown into, or causing excessive rocking to other boats, barges, aquaplanes or other devices being towed by power. The operator of a towing boat shall be responsible for compliance therewith. Whoever violates this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and by imprisonment for not more than six months or both."

Attest: RUTH B. SMITH, Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., May 9, 1961

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

WILTON VAUGH, Director, Division of Motorboats

Pursuant to a warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at Annual Town Meeting held March 13, 1967 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, adopted the following by-law:

No one in control of real property in town, other than a commercial junkyard or a commercial garage, shall tolerate the remaining thereon for more than ten days of a junked, abandoned, unregistered, disassembled or inoperable motor vehicle, nor shall anyone allow such a motor vehicle to remain on any place or road available for public travel for more than forty-eight hours. Any such motor vehicle remaining for the period indicated shall be deemed abandoned and may be removed by the police department and disposed of under the provisions of Chapter 135 of the General Laws, relating to Unclaimed and Abandoned Property. Whoever violates any provision of this by-law shall pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars. Each failure to remove the vehicle after written notice from the Selectmen to do so to the one in control of real property affected or the registered owner of the vehicle on such place or road, within ten days of the receipt of said notice, if on private land, or within forty-eight hours of its receipt, if on such a place or road, shall be a separate offense and punishable by a fine of not over fifty dollars. Nothing herein shall prohibit the maintenance on private land in an enclosed building of disassembled or inoperable motor vehicles, nor on private property, located so that they cannot be seen from a public highway or from

abutting property, nor operable farm vehicles.

A true copy of the by-law adopted by the Town of Orange.

Attest: RUTH B. SMITH, Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1967

The foregoing by-law adopted under Article 36 is hereby approved.

ELLIOTT L. RICHARDSON, Attorney General

ORANGE AND ATHOL
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We herewith submit the annual report of the activities of the Industrial District for the year 1969.

The Industrial District entered its third year of operation on 1969. The District bought the Talbot property on Daniel Shay Highway in order to get an access road into the Airport Industrial Park. The park was landlocked, when the state took land for the Route 2 By-Pass, \$10,000 was paid for the Talbot property.

In March, representatives of the I. D. D. met with Senator Barrus and Representative Kostanski, they sponsored a District Bill seeking reimbursement to the District of \$10,000 for the cost of obtaining an access road to the Airport Industrial Park, because the State Dept. of Public Works took the land for the Route 2, By-Pass without any compensation. The bill to reimburse the District was passed and approved on August 4, 1969.

The District has successfully sponsored a regional skating rink bill, the construction of which will depend on the priority assigned to our area for such a facility by the Dept. of Natural Resources.

During the year the District assisted in Development of the Mohawk Plaza.

Three thousand feet of road into the industrial park has been cleared and one thousand feet of gravel road has been constructed, leading in from Daniel Shay Highway.

The District obtained 6,000 names of industries in New England, New York State, and Pennsylvania from Dunn and Bradstreet. Industries suitable for our area and we are sending out a personalized letter to the presidents of these companies with our brochures. Three thousand have been mailed out so far.

In conclusion, members of the Commission would like to express their thanks to the citizens and officials of the area for their support during

the year. The Commissioners pledge to continue to promote, stimulate, develop and advance business prosperity and economic welfare of the towns of Orange and Athol.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. Farley
Chairman

Roger W. Moore
Vice-Chairman

James S. Parker
Treasurer

Richard McK. Shea
Executive Director

Dr. Herbert L. Aaron
Secretary

Richard H. Barry
Leon Bellinger
Kermit W. Cook
Earl R. Drew
George R. Girardi

James F. Donelan
Raymond H. Goland
Edward F. Haley
Peter J. Kimball
Howard W. Grimes

Edward F. Haley
Leonard E. King
Jack W. Rembe
J. Allan Tepper

DETAILS OF CASH BALANCE OF YEAR 1969

Balance from 1968	\$9,557.60
Receipts from Towns:	
Orange—March 10, 1969	6,000.00
Athol—March 3, 1969	6,000.00
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	\$21,557.60

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Interests:

First National Bank & Trust—Grnfld.	\$ 98.76
Franklin County Trust—Orange	242.78
Second Annual Meeting	66.50
Talbot—one month's rent	75.00
Frank Webster—removal of Talbot House	123.50
Kenneth Prue, Jr., removal of timber	50.00
Maps and Profiles	20.00
Third Annual Meeting	86.76
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	\$ 763.30
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	\$22,320.90

Less Expenditures of 1969:

Salaries	\$6,874.00
Miscellaneous	236.24
Publicity	1,120.38
Travel Allowance	124.03
News Subscriptions	75.20
Rent	480.00
Heat	84.95
Lights	96.73
Maintenance	82.37
Office Supplies	195.40
Postage	219.00
Office Equipment	207.20
Insurance	8.00
Telephone	270.80
Land Purchase	918.28
Legal Fees	35.00
Site Preparation	6,738.56
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	17,793.60
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	\$4,527.30
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DETAILS OF CASH ON HAND OF 1/1/70

First National Bank & Trust, -Greenfield	\$ 30.73
Interest for year 1969	98.76
Franklin County Trust-Orange Branch	3,563.90
Interest for year 1969	242.78
Balance in Checking Account	<u>591.13</u>
	<u>\$4,527.30</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen organized after the election with Roger W. Mallet as Chairman, Richard McK. Shea as Clerk, and James A. MacKnight as third member.

We regret to note the passing of Richard McK. Shea, Selectman. Dick's passing leaves a void that will be difficult to replace, but in some small measure we are quite thankful that his going our way even for such a brief time has left us all a little richer in spirit.

1969 brought to the Town of Orange a new ambulance. We were quite fortunate to receive reimbursement from the Federal Government for \$7,500 against the \$15,000 appropriated.

South School has now been sold to the Diocese of Springfield and at this writing the Central School question is still with us, but hopefully this soon will be resolved.

As a town governing body, the Board requested the Planning Board to continue on their program of Capital Budgeting for 1970.

The difficulties that again arose at Packard Heights seem to be satisfactorily resolved for the moment and again, through future discussion, possibly prevented.

We note with regret that the downtown underground wiring and street lighting problem has yet to be started, but this is still on our high priority list.

We are quite pleased with the progress at the Mohawk Shopping Plaza with the addition of a new First National Store and a branch of the Franklin County Trust Company. Also the Orange Cooperative Bank has opened its doors at a new location adding a forward look to the community. Industry is making a marked contribution to Orange, with expensive remodeling and expansion at Rodney Hunt and Erving Paper Mills and general face lifting at our other industries.

Hopefully, 1970 will see definite progress in resolving our elementary school needs, sewerage treatment facilities and a recommitment to resolving blighted structures within the community. We greet 1970 with anticipation.

We wish to thank all departments for their cooperation during 1969.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Mallet
James A. MacKnight

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As the capital budgeting program covering a period from 1969 to 1974 was helpful, we continued the program to 1975. We are attempting to include the Sewerage Facilities project capital expenditures and the possibility of a school expansion program. We appreciate the cooperation of the Finance Board and all the departments and hope the results are a step toward benefiting the Town in a long range view of major capital spending.

Complying with the request of the Board of Selectmen and the interest of some of the townspeople, a revised zoning by-law was compiled with the help of Mr. Theodore Bacon. The format was changed and some of the regulations were modified or excluded. The land-use map was updated. The by-law was presented June 23 at a Special Town Meeting and defeated by ballot approximately two to one. The Board was pleased with the sincere involvement of many town groups.

Coinciding with the interest and concern of the Commonwealth, the Planning Board prepared comprehensive information about mobile homes in Orange. In answer to a request by the Department of Community Affairs, we completed a questionnaire. This survey revealed the number of mobile homes in our town, the revenue from these homes and the cost to the town for services to the occupants, plus the standards expected and maintained by the Board of Health. Mr. Clarence Goodnow assisted in compiling this information. This report is now on file in the town office.

On January 15, 1969, Mr. Richard Ballou joined the Planning Board filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Robert Linehan.

Mr. Noah Edminster resigned on June 11, 1969, and Mr. Edward Harris resigned October 15, 1969, each having served a five-year appointment.

In working with our consultant, Mr. Theodore Bacon, and the Franklin County Planner, Mr. Donald Caven, we realize how much they help to promote our awareness of current action in the county and in the Commonwealth.

The Board hopes to inspire and promote cooperation among those who are working to carry out the duties of town government. We are sincerely appreciative of the support shown by the Franklin County Trust Company for our membership in the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards. We thank the Chamber of Commerce for the use of its meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rembe, Chairman
Roger H. Tolman
Claudia B. Istel
Richard C. Ballou

ORANGE PLANNING BOARD

ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Bids on the Orange Housing for the Elderly project on East River Street were opened in May, 1969, and the bid award was made to Ciolek Construction Co. of South Hadley, Mass. for \$759,230.

Other bidders were Francis Piermarocchi, Inc. of Fitchburg, \$793,132; Joseph Francese, Inc. of Pittsfield, \$819,000; D. A. Sullivan & Sons, Inc. of Northampton, \$828,406.

Work began on construction and site clearing in June, 1969. And the contractor estimates that the project will be completed and ready for occupancy in June, 1970. The buildings and roads should be completed by then, and if conditions are right, so will the grading and lawn seeding be done.

The project will contain 56 rental units, available to Orange people first; outsiders are accepted only if enough Orange people cannot be found to fill up the apartments. But at this time, we have about 75 applications. The residents will be picked on the basis of greatest need for this is why the project was built, to help those in great need of good housing. Residents must be 65 or over.

The project has been named Colonial Acres.

The project has a social hall where the people may gather for their own entertainment. The social hall will have a fireplace. A side room in the social hall will contain washers and driers for use of occupants.

An Open House is planned when the project is completed so townspeople may visit it before occupancy. This truly is going to be one of the nicest looking housing projects in the state. Enough land is available at the site to build additional units in the future should there be enough demand for them.

Respectfully submitted,

William K. Babel, Chairman

Robert L. Howes, Vice Chairman

Kenneth Akey, Jr., Treasurer

Lottie M. Bergeron, Secretary

Edwin Lawson, Governor's Appointee

REPORT OF THE SEWERAGE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in March of 1969, it was voted to appropriate \$23,500 for engineering fees for the preparation of preliminary plans for the sewerage disposal and treatment plant for the Town of Orange. The Town, acting through its Selectmen, engaged the consulting engineering firm of Camp, Drum & McKee of Boston by agreement of April 29, 1969. This engineering work has been under way since that date and final report is expected before the 1970 Town Meeting.

This engineering study involves no construction work. It is limited to getting information and reporting about any conditions that are causing the pollution of the part of Millers River in Orange, and how it can be corrected. The present river water is badly polluted and is rated as fourth grade or so called Type D water. By the Mass. Water Resources Commission requirements, improvements must result in Type B water suitable for recreation, fishing and swimming but not necessarily suitable for drinking. The Commission has ordered the Town to act to abate the pollution according to the following time table.

1. Appropriate at a special Town Meeting funds for a site survey before 1970 Town Meeting.
2. Authorize final plans and site acquisition by March 1970.
3. Acquire new site by May 1970.
4. Complete final plans by February 1971.
5. Initiate construction by May 1971.
6. Complete construction by September 1972.

The preliminary engineering study and report will tell where and how the water is polluted and how to solve the problem both for present conditions and for predictable trends for years to come. It will include a review of available maps such as the map of the present collecting sewerage systems. There are two such systems—one on the north and one on the south side of the river. Today these two systems discharge the raw sewerage into the river. There are two other areas outside the main collecting systems that cause pollution. One area is East Howe and Beacon Streets, another area is Hamilton Avenue and Terrace Street. The preliminary plans indicate how these two areas will be taken care of.

The preliminary engineering report will also cover a study of the many areas outside the present collecting systems. These areas include Brookside, East Main Street, East River Street, Wheeler Avenue, Route 202, New Athol Road, North Main Street, South Main Street. This part of the investigation will provide the overall situation to anticipate the long range needs of the future even to the year 2020. The preliminary study and report will consider the above areas in recommending how to properly provide the intown sewerage system and the main treatment plant that will be able in the years ahead to also handle the border areas. Also the engineers will review the probable population growth trends as such growth may effect the future sewerage systems needs.

In addition to study of the sanitary wastewater, the study will consider the industrial wastewater from industrial plants. This involves both the quantity and quality of such discharge that gets into the sewerage collection system or is discharged directly into the river. In general the advance report will indicate if there are any serious industrial waste loads in the sewerage system. However the engineers have discussed the condition in the industries with suggestions of desirable changes. These corrections are the responsibility of the individual industrial company.

The initial construction work proposed by the engineers' study to meet State and Federal standards includes the necessary new or altered sewer connections and interceptor lines to handle both sides of the intown collecting systems and the Hamilton and Terrace area. A river crossing is proposed with a single main interceptor line on the north side of the river leading to the treatment plant down the river beyond any potential trouble areas. The initial construction work also calls for correcting the East Howe Street problem area by carrying that discharge to the present sewer line on East Main Street.

The preliminary report will include estimates of the cost of necessary alternatives to the present system, the necessary new interceptor lines, the treatment plant and equipment. It will also explain the extent of the expected share of the costs by the State and Federal agencies. There will also be estimates of yearly operating costs and recommended method of providing funds.

It should be emphasized that the initial construction of treatment plant and main interceptor lines are planned to have the capacity to handle both the present intown needs plus the future expected needs of border areas principally in the east part of town.

Roger H. Tolman, Chairman
Edmund F. Preece
Harold H. Belcher
Miles W. Spooner
Ralph E. Spooner
Warren J. Simonds

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Record of Votes Cast at the Annual Town Meeting

HELD MARCH 3, 1969

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held in the Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 1969 at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. it was voted as follows:

Polls opened at 9:00 a.m.		Polls closed at 7:00 p.m.
Total number of ballots cast		452
MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR		
Delbert A. Witty	397	
Blanks	55	
		452
SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS		
Richard McK. Shea	410	
Blanks	42	
		452
TOWN CLERK FOR THREE YEARS		
Ruth B. Smith	422	
Blanks	30	
		452
ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS		
Dunward E. Cornwell	401	
Blanks	51	
		452
TREE WARDEN FOR ONE YEAR		
Clifford P. Welcome	236	
Victor H. Chaplin	155	
Edward L. Smith	54	
		452
BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS		
Marilyn I. Johnson	400	
Blanks	52	
		452

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL HALL FOR THREE YEARS (2)	
Louis P. Delano	390
Royal H. Roach	409
Blanks	105
	904
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (2)	
Jean K. Chase	277
Marilyn J. Spooner	343
M. Almira Aguda	210
Blanks	74
	904
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (2)	
Bradford A. Mackey	378
Henry A. Maroni	360
Robert Leach	1
Blanks	165
	904
LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS (2)	
Raymond G. Choate	403
L. Doris Olson	408
Blanks	93
	904
WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS	
Joseph E. Botti	410
Blanks	42
	452
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS	
John W. Blackmer	411
Blanks	41
	452
HOUSING AUTHORITY (4)	
Kenneth C. Akey, Jr.	383
William K. Babel	372
Lottie M. Bergeron	387
Robert L. Howes	390
Blanks	276
	452

A true copy of record of ballots cast.

Attest: RUTH B. SMITH, Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN ON ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

Delbert A. Witty, Moderator

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. March 10, 1969.

Article 2 Voted:

That the town accept the Annual Town Report as printed.

Article 3 Voted:

That the town accept the survey and report on Central and South Schools as prepared by Lord and Den Hartog, Architects, and that the Selectmen be instructed to report back to the townspeople at a Special Town Meeting on or before the first week of June as to the disposal of these school buildings.

Article 4 Voted:

To pass over-no accounts presented.

Article 5 Voted:

That the town authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the financial years beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 6 Voted:

That R. Arthur Lundgren be chosen Director for County Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, Section 41 of the General Laws.

Article 7 Voted:

That the money received from the County known as the Dog Fund be transferred to the Library Department, the amount of the fund being \$1,244.44. \$1,244.44

Article 8 Voted:

That the Tree Warden draw from the appropriation in his department the sum of \$25.00 as salary and the further sum of \$2.00 per hour for all time that he shall expend in actual labor in connection with his department.

Article 9 Voted:

That the town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell or dispose of the property acquired by the town through Treasurer's Deeds or tax titles foreclosed by

Commissioner's Affidavit of land of low value, or by foreclosure through the Land Court.

Article 10 Voted:

That the town fix the salary and compensation of all elected Officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, to be made effective from January 1, 1969, as contained in the budget.

Article 11 Voted:

That the town appropriate the following sums of money to meet the town's expenses for the ensuing year:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Bonds	\$ 675.00
Selectmen's Salaries	1,900.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,500.00
General Office Salaries	6,000.00
General Office Expense	1,850.00
Town Accountant's Salary	5,000.00
Town Accountant's Expense	150.00
Treasurer's Salary	2,500.00
Treasurer's Expense	400.00
Foreclosure Expense	4,000.00
Collector's Salary	4,500.00
Collector's Expense	1,000.00
Assessors' Salaries	2,400.00
Assessors' Expense	940.00
Town Clerk's Salary	2,000.00
Town Clerk's Expense	455.00
Election and Registration	2,000.00
Town Counsel	800.00
Finance Committee Expense	300.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00
Planning Board Operation	1,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	7,000.00
Orange & Athol Ind. Dev. District	6,000.00
	<u>\$52,870.00</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Wages	\$ 52,375.00
Police Dept. Expense	3,135.00
Police Dept. Uniforms	800.00
Police Car	2,790.00

Ambulance	2,500.00
Fire Department Wages	34,326.00
Fire Department Expense	6,245.10
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,540.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	400.00
Moth Suppression	600.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	3,000.00
Tree Warden	2,500.00
Forest Fire Warden	2,000.00
Electrical Inspector	550.00
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	\$112,761.10

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health Salaries	300.00
Board of Health Expense	20,050.00
Inspector of Animals	175.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	150.00
Sewer Maintenance	2,205.00
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	\$22,880.00

HIGHWAYS

Municipal Building	\$ 2,400.00
Snow and Ice	19,915.00
Machinery Repair and Operation	16,800.00
Chapter 81	14,150.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	9,850.00
Highway Department	17,675.00
Flood Control	500.00
Street Lights	10,000.00
Public Drinking Fountain	50.00
Fence Viewers	50.00
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	\$93,390.00

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans' Services District Adm.	\$ 5,098.95
Veterans' Benefits	31,000.00
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	\$36,098.95

EDUCATION

School Dept. Administration	\$ 17,540.00
School Dept. Instruction	292,876.00
School Dept. Operation	53,915.00
School Dept. Auxiliary Agencies	52,559.00
School Dept. New Equipment	4,009.00
Regional School	<u>563,239.30</u>
	\$984,138.30

LIBRARIES

Library Department	\$ <u>17,230.00</u>
	\$17,230.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 3,270.00
Playground Instructor	1,000.00
Life Guard and Swimming Instructor	1,000.00
Memorial Hall Maintenance	2,160.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Band Concerts	700.00
Music North Orange	65.00
Fish and Game Distribution	400.00
Fire Insurance Town Buildings	4,060.00
Compensation Ins. Town Employees	4,800.00
Mun. Employees Group Insurance	10,800.00
Unoccupied School Buildings	500.00
Reserve Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$41,105.00

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Airport-Administration Expense	\$ 1,115.00
Airport-Building & Equip. Maint.	1,440.00
Airport Maintenance	2,500.00
Water Commissioners Salaries	450.00
Water Department Salaries & Wages	22,198.00
Water Department Expense	9,665.00
Water Department Equipment	4,700.00
Cemetery Commissioners Salaries	225.00
Cemetery Department	<u>9,928.00</u>
	\$52,221.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	\$ 5,400.00
New Fire Truck Pumper	<u>4,500.00</u>
	<u>\$9,900.00</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATED UNDER ARTICLE II \$1,422,594.35

Article I2 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$58,820.00 for Vocational Education.
\$58,820.00

Article I3 Voted:

That the town trade the present Police Car and appropriate \$1,450.00
for the purchase of a new car. \$1,450.00

Article I4 Voted:

That the town sell or trade the present ambulance and appropriate
\$15,000.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance. \$15,000.00

Article I5 Voted:

That the town appropriate the sum of \$6,704.29 received under
Chapter 616, Acts of 1967, to be used with Chapter 90 Construction
funds. \$6,704.29

Article I6 Voted:

That the Town appropriate \$12,000.00 from the Road Machinery
Earnings Reserve Account for the purchase of a new tractor with
backhoe attachment. \$12,000.00

Article I7 Voted:

That the town sell or trade one 1962 Ford F 600 Dump Truck and
appropriate \$5,200.00 from Road Machinery Earnings Reserve
Account for the purchase of a new dump truck. \$5,200.00

Article I8 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,000.00 from Road Machinery Earnings Reserve
Account to purchase one used truck cab and chassis.
\$2,000.00

Article I9 Voted:

That the town accept as a town way that portion of Route 2A between
station 0+73.66, at Whitney Street, to Station 102+40.52 at the
Orange-Athol town line, on the 1925 and 1930 State highway lay-
outs, a distance of 2.0 miles, when and if said highway shall have

been rebuilt or restored by the Commonwealth through its Department of Public Works and said Department shall have transferred the title and control of said highway and the land and rights therein taken or acquired for said highway to the town and provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws shall apply.

Article 20 Voted:

That the town accept as a town way that portion of Route M-147, the Daniel Shays Highway, between Station 1165+00 at the northerly side of the Route 2-Route 202 interchange and Station 1195+03.45 at the Orange-Athol town line on the 1935 State Highway Layout, a distance of 0.6 miles, when and if said highway shall have been rebuilt or restored by the Commonwealth through its Department of Public Works and said Department shall have transferred the title and control of said highway and the land and rights therein taken or acquired for said highway to the town and the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws shall apply.

Article 21 Voted:

That the town sell or trade the present 1961 3/4 ton Ford Truck used by the Cemetery Department and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a new 1969 3/4 ton truck for the Cemetery Department.
\$3,000.00

Article 22 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,538.50 received under Chapter 672 Acts of 1963, for the Library Department.
\$1,538.50

Article 23 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$4,000.00 to replace the main floor in the Wheeler Memorial Library.
\$4,000.00

Article 24 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$500.00 to continue the improvement and beautification of the south bank of the Millers River.
\$500.00

Article 25 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$86.00 for the Roy W. French Estate for use of parking space.
\$86.00

Article 26 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,000.00 to purchase and install new doors at the Fire Station.
2,000.00

Article 27 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$600.00 to install two new additional

fire alarm boxes. \$600.00

Article 28 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$250.00 to employ a Gas Inspector.
\$250.00

Article 29 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,500.00 to re-locate the fire alarm
and police signal systems in the business district of Central Square.
\$2,500.00

Article 30 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$250.00 to cover expenses of the Sewer-
age Facilities Committee. \$250.00

Article 31 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$23,000.00 for engineering fees required
for preliminary plans for the sewage disposal and treatment plant for
the Town of Orange. \$23,000.00

Article 32 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,500.00 to extend rubbish collection
to Daniel Shay Highway from the Athol-Orange town line to the
Orange-New Salem town line. \$1,500.00

Article 33 Voted:

No. (re. Kelton Street playground)

Article 34 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$5,000.00 to be added to the Stabil-
ization Fund. \$5,000.00

Article 35 Voted:

That the town instruct the Assessors to use \$60,000.00 from Free
Cash to reduce the tax rate in accordance with Section 7, Chapter
798, Acts of 1961. \$60,000.00

RECAPITULATION

Article 11 Budget	\$1,422,594.35
Article 12 Vocational Education	58,820.00
Article 13 Police Car	1,450.00
Article 14 New Ambulance	15,000.00
Article 21 New Cemetery Truck	3,000.00
Article 23 Library Floor	4,000.00
Article 24 Millers River Improvement	500.00

Article 25 Parking Lot	86.00
Article 26 New Doors Fire Station	2,000.00
Article 27 Fire Alarm Boxes-Additional	600.00
Article 28 Gas Inspector	250.00
Article 29 Fire and Police Signal Systems	2,500.00
Article 30 Sewerage Facilities Committee Expense	250.00
Article 31 Sewerage Disposal and Treatment Plant-Engineering Fees	23,000.00
Article 32 Board of Health for Daniel Shays Rubbish Collection	1,500.00
Article 34 Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
Total to be raised	\$1,540,550.35

ARTICLES TO TRANSFER

Article 7 Dog Fund to Library Dept.	\$ 1,244.44
Article 15 Chapter 616, Acts 1967, to Highway	6,704.29
Article 16 Machinery Earnings Reserve to Machinery Purchase	12,000.00
Article 17 Machinery Earnings Reserve to Machinery Purchase	5,200.00
Article 18 Machinery Earnings Reserve to Machinery Purchase	2,000.00
Article 22 Chapter 672 to Library Dept.	1,538.50
	\$28,687.23

ARTICLES FROM SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 35 To Reduce Tax Rate	\$60,000.00
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Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:
RUTH B. SMITH, TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF VOTES AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD
JUNE 3, 1969

Article I Voted:

That the town accept report of findings of Board of Selectmen on Central and South Schools as follows:

As instructed by a vote at the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1969, presented by a citizen, as follows: "That the Selectmen be instructed to report back to the townspeople at a Special Town Meeting on or before the first week of June as to the disposal or use of these buildings," your Board of Selectmen wishes to present its findings and recommendations on disposal of South and Central School buildings.

Before commencing with our recommendations, your Board of Selectmen would like to make it perfectly clear that we are basing all our recommendations on facts as presented from numerous sources in the past. We are not attempting to infringe on the responsibility of your current local school committee or any various study committees established to study, report or recommend on education. Also, we would like to point out that our consideration was based on the elementary level of education which, under our current structure, requires solely the consideration of the Town of Orange. Conferences were held with the local school officials and on April 11, 1969 the following letter was sent to Mr. Clifford Fournier, Chairman of the Orange School Committee.

"The Board of Selectmen met in executive session April 9 to discuss the utilization or disposal of Central and South Schools on which, as you know, the Selectmen are required to recommend action at a special Town Meeting on or before the first week in June.

"We, of course, will take under consideration the views of your Board expressed to us at a meeting between you and our Board on April 2. However, we feel any valid recommendations as to Central and South Schools by the Selectmen must also include firm and definite schedules and plans by the Orange School Committee as to future classroom needs, both immediate and long range, for the Town of Orange. Otherwise we feel the citizens will not be able to render a decision.

"Therefore, we ask your Board to consider this matter, and we would be glad to meet with you at any time at your convenience, but would, in any case, need an answer the week of May 12,

"We will release the contents of this letter publicly at our next Selectmen's Meeting."

By letter dated May 1, 1969, the Board received the following reply from Walter J. Fields, Supt. of Orange Elementary School:

"The Orange School Committee, on April 28, 1969, has asked me to reply to your request for information on what it considers to be its immediate and future needs.

"In response to a previous request, the committee has declared that it is not interested in the remodeling of Central or South Schools for its use. This is in line with the Lord & Den Hartog Report. Within this same frame of reference it is strongly recommended that Cheney School be abandoned as soon as possible and that space be created for the four rooms now in use.

"Sentiment within the committee is now leaning towards setting the starting date for public kindergartens in September of 1970. This can be accomplished within the present facilities because of the raising of the entrance age and a predicted enrollment lower than normal. In 1971, however, 2 new rooms will be required.

"Other space needed, with no less urgency, is a room for the primary special class and additional third and fourth grade rooms.

"While using the traditional method of numbers for determining space requirements, it is wholly inadequate to describe our complete lack of storage space, suitable nurse's quarters, rooms for small group instruction, testing and conferences, proper administrative space, library and audio-visual aids, equipment and collections of material, space for art and music teaching, physical education and lunchroom facilities.

"Any new construction trimmed down to provide fewer facilities than described, is not in the best educational and financial interest of the Town of Orange.

"The involvement of the State of Massachusetts in the matter of plans and aid is omitted from this letter to provide your board only with a direct answer to your inquiry."

Because of the fact that South School not only affords the re-activation of four class rooms (with no additional space for essentials in operation), we are recommending that South School property and building be disposed of in the manner prescribed in Article 3. It is

suggested, however, that before disposal takes place that proper consideration be given (on land only) by the Board of Selectmen to investigating any needs for a portion of said land by the Town of Orange and its Water Department which has land and building adjacent.

In regard to Central School, the Board is recommending the immediate re-activation of this property in the manner prescribed under Article 2. We are of the opinion that the Town of Orange financially cannot undertake any new construction at this time. Renovation of Central School (with no state financial assistance) will provide our elementary system with eight modern class rooms equipped and as efficient as any new construction. New construction room for room does not, in our opinion, provide for better education and the receipt of aid from the State for new construction is overshadowed by the cost of interest incurred on total cost of construction.

Adequate parking and playground can be provided by simply creating one way traffic down School Street and developing and enclosing the area on property owned by other interests along with our present playground area. Central School, in our opinion, can be developed to include (along with eight class rooms) a cafeteria and/or an all purpose room (for physical education, etc.) of suitable proportion, proper administrative space and storage.

We regret that proper library facilities are not included in our plans, but wish to call to your attention that within a short distance of this proposed school, there is an exceptionally well equipped library that should basically fill whatever requirements for reference that might arise. Depending on the grades proposed for this school, it would appear, on the surface, that each class room (which is exceptional in size) could maintain its own small library for pertinent data. Unless the School Committee has a definite formula and curriculum for use of an in-house library, it would seem that the availability of the town library so close would make it most efficient.

At arriving at the recommendation on renovation, the Selectmen investigated the cost of new construction versus renovation and let us, for a moment, study these facts. On the survey prepared by Lord and Den Hartog and for this particular study, we will consider both Central and South Schools. They indicated that a cost of renovation would be \$227,150.00 and for new construction \$481,250.00, of which one-half would be reimbursed. To the person on the street a difference of approximately \$14,000.00 would cause him to believe it would be ridiculous to consider anything but new construction, but we your Board, feel it would be a dis-service to the community

to give the citizens the impression that this study truly represents a true comparison figure.

New construction, as stated would cost (estimate of course) \$481,250.00, with 50% reimbursement, or a net of \$240,625.00. The Town of Orange will have to borrow, regardless of reimbursement, the full amount of \$481,250.00. This means that the Town of Orange will have to pay interest on an additional \$240,625.00 at today's high interest rates, and we have to be completely honest with one another to consider the fact that if new construction were involved there would be many additional facilities added to this particular building thereby adding to the cost. We do not believe there is an individual sitting here that does not agree that if we consider new construction, we shall also consider more facilities to go along with this new school, regardless of its location; even adding to a present structure such as Dexter Park.

Because of our uncertainty in the future regarding education and the State's role in future financial responsibility, it would seem foolhardy to do no more than putting Central School to use. We are all aware of the town's need for more space and we have more space available.

The Board of Selectmen feels that by presenting any other recommendation but the re-activation of Central School would then put the citizens of the Town of Orange in no other position at a later date than to consider new construction. There would be no choice on the part of the citizens in the community at that time.

There is a feeling on the part of some citizens that we are dealing with nothing but an old building. We would just like to call to the people's attention that the Orange National Bank was also an old building which today is a very attractive building after renovation.

In conclusion, we concur that renovation of Central School is not the ideal solution. We also concur that it would be nice to have a modern plant resolving all our problems, but we must be realistic. We feel that the town cannot and should not consider new construction at this time and the Town of Orange can indeed benefit from the renovation of Central School.

Article 2 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$200,000.00 for the renovation of Central School Building for elementary school use and to meet said appropriation that \$20,000.00 be raised in the current year's tax levy and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be

authorized to borrow \$180,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the town payable in not more than 10 years in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws. (Vote 145 yes, 19 no) \$20,000.00

Article 3 Voted:

That the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of South School Building and land adjacent thereto by calling for sealed bids.

Article 4 Voted:

That the town rescind the vote taken under Article 15, Annual Town Meeting March 6, 1939 which was: "That attested copies of all warrants for Town Meetings be posted at the Post Offices at Orange and North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and that an attested copy be published in a local newspaper, once at least before the time of holding said meeting."

Article 5 Voted:

That attested copies of all warrants for Town Meetings be posted at the Post Office in Orange and the Library at North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and that an attested copy be published in a local newspaper, once at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Article 6 Voted:

That the town accept a bequest of \$3,000.00 to be known as the Kidder-Russell Memorial Fund from the Estate of Hazel D. Russell.

Article 7 Voted:

That the town accept a bequest of \$300.00 to be known as the Kidder-Russell Cemetery Flower Fund from the Estate of Hazel D. Russell.

Article 8 Voted:

That the town accept a bequest of one hundred shares of Capital stock of the Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield from the Estate of Marion R. Davis.

Article 9 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$251.06 from Water Surplus Account for Repairs to pump at Magee Meadow Well.

A true record of votes and proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

RUTH B. SMITH, TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF VOTES AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

HELD JUNE 23, 1969

Article 1 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to support clinical services in Athol, offered by the Gardner Area Board of Mental Health and Retardation Services, as authorized by Chapter 124 of the Acts and Resolves of 1958 and Chapter 735 Acts of Extra Session 1966.

\$2,000.00

Article 2 - Zoning By-law

Ballot vote:	Yes	194
	No	378
	Blank	1
Total Votes Cast		573

A true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

RUTH B. SMITH, TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF VOTES AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 3, 1969

Article 1 Voted:

That the town rescind the action taken under Article 2 Special Town Meeting, June 3, 1969 relative to the renovation of Central School.

Article 2 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$290,000 to remodel, reconstruct, and make extraordinary repairs to the Central School Building and to meet said appropriation that \$30,000 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow \$260,000 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefore payable in not more than ten years in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 3A, of the General Laws.

(Vote 66 yes, 14 no)

Article 3 Voted:

That the town appropriate an additional sum of \$1,000 from Surplus Revenue for the installation of new doors at the fire station.

Article 4 Voted:

That the town appropriate an additional sum of \$3,000 from Surplus Revenue for the Interest account.

Article 5 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$200.06 from the Water Surplus account for the Beacon Street Water Pipe Project.

Article 6 Voted:

That the town accept a bequest of \$190.00 from the Estate of Howard P. Warren for the use of the Library Department.

A true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

RUTH B. SMITH, TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

Date	Name	Parents
January		
1	Kimberly Marie Bardsley	David F. & Sandra L.
2	Christie Anne Stevens	James T. & Carol A.
8	Michael Ronald Satrowsky	Ronald & Marie A.
11	Susan Marie Lemere	David W. & Glenys F.
14	Sandra Marie Shaw	John M. & Judith A.
20	John Scott Woodard	John S. & Julie A.
21	Kellie Ann McLaughlin	Jon C. & Sandra H.
23	Todd Ariel Marshall	Spencer J. & Jane L.
24	Liza Marie Perry	Craig A. & Marcia J.
February		
9	Cheryl Ann Wetherby	Gerald E. & Carol A.
23	Pamela Jean Parsons	Gerald A. & Priscilla G.
March		
2	Christine Lee Tait	Robert W. & Donna L.
3	Kevin George Riggs	George E. & Sandra J.
6	Jay Daniel Bourque	Daniel J. & Linda L.
6	David Ambrey Bordeaux	Laurence J. & Linda J.
14	Laura Lee Canning	Dale A. & Dianna D.
14	David Darin Jones	Lawrence O. & Lorain I.
15	Dana John Knechtel	John A. & Linda J.
21	Lisa Doris Geikie	Frank & Eleanor M.
21	David Keith Jennings	Clayton L. & Georgette M.
29	Margaret Catherine Page	William S. & Lois J.
29	Michael Alan Shepardson	Earle R. & Sheri L.
April		
1	Shelly Beth Littlewood	Robert F. & Elizabeth C.
1	Shari Jane Littlewood	Robert F. & Elizabeth C.
4	James Kershaw Schiappa	Frank M. & Kathryn G.
5	Mark Edgar Redcloud	John & Cynthia A.
13	Tracie Kim Cote	Charles H. & Cheryl E.
19	Mark Gregory Metevier	Gregory & Cheryl L.
22	James Ernest Marsh	Ernest F. & Yvonne M.
25	Shannon Boutall	David B. & Sandra L.
29	Scott Douglas Roach	Royal H. & Cynthia E.
30	Michele Doris Wood	Dexter E. & Joanne A.
May		
7	Lori Ann Fairbrother	Dan E. & Elizabeth A.

50

- 15 David Olof Dexter
- 25 Kenneth Peter Hurtle
- 28 Kathleen Ann Lyman
- 29 Sandra Alice Marble

David R. & Agatha R.
Howard K. & Jeraldine G.
George R. & Theresa A.
Harry G. & Ernestine M.

June

- 1 Melissa Lee Williams
- 6 Scott Lewis Coy
- 8 Timothy Alan Mallet
- 17 Brian Leslie Bailey
- 18 Polly Ann Tolman
- 19 Rhonda Marie Roche
- 29 Bruce Patrick Latham
- 30 Mary Shannon Herrin

Earl H. & Marilyn B.
Victor H. & Dolores A.
Donald E. & Lorraine H.
Richard L. & Janie M.
Roger H. & Pauline E.
William M. & Donna R.
Bruce & Patricia M.
Wayne F. & Mary A.

July

- 7 Roy Armand Cierpial
- 11 Kim Marie Gleason
- 12 Regina Marie Oliver
- 12 Keith Scott Allen
- 15 Shelene Ann Lucia
- 23 Charles Edward Baxter
- 24 Jonathan Naphtali Robbins

Edwin C. & Wanda A.
Richard H. & Sharon E.
William W. & Gloria E.
Michael R. & Beverly A.
Raymond L. & Elinor L.
Charles E. & Roberta A.
Clyde L. & Joan A.

August

- 3 Jeffery Ray Nail
- 3 Paul Bryant Richards, Jr.
- 6 Anthony William Cacciolfi
- 10 Peter Anthony Bruno
- 16 Tina Marie Hargett
- 19 Edward Louis Smith II
- 22 Tammy St. Hilaire
- 25 Christina Marie Bobilin

Marion R. & Judith A.
Paul B. & Judith L.
Michael E. & Dianne M.
Donald F. & Virginia B.
Vance J. & Donna A.
Edward L. & Susan M.
Arthur J. & Lorraine O.
Howard A. & Peggy A.

September

- 1 Jennifer Sue Otenti
- 1 Robin Lynn O'Lari
- 4 Jannifer Lyn Leonard
- 7 Dalton Arnold Fisher Jr.
- 8 Joni Ann Softic
- 10 Heather Leah Byrd
- 11 Thomas Anthony Frye
- 13 David Wayne Dymerski
- 15 Steven Douglas Mayhew
- 15 David Allen Laffond
- 18 Anne Mary Colo

Charles & Muriel E.
David E. & Belinda A.
David D. & Barbara J.
Dalton A. & Cheryl A.
Peter & Sherry A.
Jesse C. & Ann E.
David Taylor & Darlene Kay
Joseph D. & Gail A.
Raymond J. & Shirley M.
Alfred P. & Dorothy S.
Victor J. & Mary A.

22 Jody Lynne Holston
 25 Tonia Lynn Carey

John E. & Rugh C.
 Robert C. & Sandra K.

October

1 Tammy Jean Legrand
 4 Matthew James Parker
 10 Donald Edward Lyman
 10 Lisa Ann Yuoconis
 14 Richard William Wilkey
 19 Lynn Margaret Shepardson
 19 Patricia Ann Sheekey

Charles L. & Donna R.
 James A. & Nancy M.
 Walter R. & Suzanne H.
 George A. & Linda L.
 Richard D. & Betty L.
 David L. & Judith E.
 James F. & Kay M.

November

5 Dawn Diane Kleinkauf
 6 Tonia Ree Stafford
 16 Tammi Jean Shaw
 20 Kris Eric Chevalier
 24 Tricia Ann Smith
 24 Ian Scott Mullen
 25 Ronnie Alan Walsh
 27 Michael Allen Smith
 27 Lisa Marie Duguay
 28 Christy Jo Saben
 28 Alanna Lynn Patridge

Robert H. & Linda D.
 Edward J. & Marie R.
 John M. & Judith A.
 Wilfred J. & Marjorie J.
 Edward A. & Linda L.
 Robert J. & Peggy-Lee
 Charles M. & Beverly J.
 Ernest W. & Janice L.
 Jerry R. & Ruth L.
 William J. & Jeannette M.
 Allan R. & Kathleen M.

December

3 Richard Allan Plummer
 7 William Barry Hodge
 13 Randy Scott Habicht
 15 Rickey William Fifield Jr.
 21 Donald Lawrence Carpenter
 22 Naomi Angela Day
 25 Holly Lynn Thompson
 30 Sarah elan LePoer

Richard A. & Peggy L.
 Barry W. & Barbara J.
 Are & Sandra L.
 Rickey W. & Rosemarie
 Donald L. & Marilyn I.
 Robert E. & Asako N.
 Edward L. & Helen I.
 Scott F. & Linda M.

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Bride
January		
1	James Arthur Whitcomb	Patricia Ann Carpenter
5	Maurice Lyman Underwood, Jr.	Lottie Ann Doncaster Magill
25	Craig Stevan Deyo	Sharon Elizabeth Perrault
25	Arthur Fitzgerald Savage III	Rhea Una Margaret Howe

February

- 1 Wayne William Wahlenmeier
 2 James Clifford Smith
 8 Lawrence Edmund Tepper
 15 Thomas Anthony Rousell
 15 Robert William Noonan
 22 Albert Thomas Plante

Ann Melissa Babel
 Lola Jane Estey
 Lynn Marie Russell
 Susan Lynn Moore
 Marie Bertha Hughes
 Alcie Patricia Pinet

March

- 1 Scott Bailey Mosher
 1 Stephen H. Plummer
 8 Kenneth Clifton Whitmore, Jr.
 12 Charles Leroy Legrand
 15 Edward Jeffrey Stafford

Linda Mae Dikey
 Cynthia A. Specht
 Sandra Ann Karras
 Donna Rae McKnight
 Marie Ricchetta Migliozzi

April

- 12 Gary Lionel Withers
 19 Robert Jay Mullen
 19 Francis Joseph McCarthy
 22 David Lee Shepardson
 26 Charles Eugene Sawyer

Jean Elizabeth Burnham
 Peggy-Lee Euvrard
 Ethel May Engelhard
 Judith Ella Adams DeLisle
 Nancy Frances Gates
 Mayhew

May

- 10 George Warren Hall, Jr.
 10 Remzija Cerkez
 10 Michael Jon Lovell
 17 Roger Hadley Miles
 17 B. Peter Holmes
 31 Francis Gerald Quinn
 31 Blair F. Stone
 31 Michael James Hachey
 31 Donald Kenneth Vescovi

Linda Lee Gerard Blake
 Regina Kovacevic
 Judith Eileen Burnham
 Martha Alice Hare
 Marjorie Alice Ballou
 Nancy Jane Marble
 Rae E. Maynard
 Kathleen Rose Bresnahan
 Janice Ellen Dalton

June

- 7 Glenn Louis Belloli
 7 Armand Rene Bouthillier
 7 Robert Anton Wright
 14 Kenneth Earl Warren Jr.
 14 Donald Lawrence Carpenter
 15 Robert Edward Marble, Jr.
 20 Mario Dominic Ciuffetti
 21 James David Nuckoles
 21 George Warren Hemingway
 21 Kenneth J. Pimental
 28 Rickey William Fifield
 28 Allan Joseph King

Norma Sue Woodward
 Pamela Joan Shatos
 Carolyn Jean Rice
 Sandra Mary Krunklevich
 Guilmette
 Marilyn Irene Matthews
 Brenda Jeane Read
 Joan Louise Knapp Valade
 Susan Chandler
 Donna Marie Varoli
 Elsie M. Dobson
 Rosemarie Morrill
 Nancy Marie Spear

July		
5	Henry Edward Lester	Merna Helen Baldwin Guido
7	Ronald Allen Gray	Gail Ann MacKnight
19	Frank Cooke Pierson, Jr.	Marjorie Cross Witty
26	Richard Allan L'Abee	Sandra Lee Sherwood
26	Edward Guy Humphrey Jr.	Sharon Theresa Carey
26	Gerald Leslie Corey	Virginia Lee Buzzell
August		
2	John William Connors	Marcia Ann Mulholland
9	Ronald Martin Meuse	Bonnie Karen Tait
10	Allan Roscoe Baldwin	Patricia Ann Sherman
16	Larry Douglas Boucher	Helen Mary Audet
23	Douglas Edward Soucie	Debra Jean Peirce
23	Warren Lewis Gardner, Jr.	Ann Siddons
29	Albert George Ohlson	Elinor Gertrude Bergquist
30	Raymond Ernest Porter	Linda Jean Emery
September		
1	Jimmy Lynn Fikes	Carol Ann Hastings
5	Carrol Eugene Hatch	Shelly Irene Thompson
6	Harry Douglas Peirce	Nancy Jane LaFarr
20	Bertram Alfred Margeson	Victoria Jean Noel
20	Raymond Fournier	Sandra Lois Rush
20	Francis Anthony Cacciolfi	Karen Elizabeth Jean
26	Arland George Day, Jr.	Alana Marie Anderson
27	Raymond Joseph Jean	Jacqueline Elaine Corey
27	Ronald John Rowe	Judith Delight Lapenas
October		
11	Robert Delphis Joly	Paula Ann Whitcomb
17	Thomas Joseph Hanlon	Jean Field Prentiss
		Williams
18	Ronald Wayne Parsons	Ruth Abigail Hamilton
18	Larry James Hurlburt	Deborah Jean Porter
25	Richard Harold Martinelli	Doris Althea Smith
31	Edmond Joseph Woods	Linda Susan Willard
November		
8	Edward Joseph Streker	Andriena Marie Lundgren
8	William Jason Rush	Nancy Lee Hubbard
14	Herbert Armas Mackey	Jean Priestly Sullivan
15	William Ernest Melanson	Rhonda Jean Rowe
22	Roger Francis VanRensselaer	Linda Marie Corey
22	Frederick Jaynes Fleming	Martha L. Horrigan Duguay
26	Edwin A. Gillespie	H. Viola Bergquist

- 28 Charles Myron Ricko
 29 Charles Armstrong Nelson
 29 William Leonard Shufelt

December

- 6 Norman Harold Gates, Jr.
 13 Richard Edward Alden
 24 Wayne Alan Cannon
 26 Richard Harold Rushford
 28 Robert Bernado
 31 George Irwin Aiken

- Barbara Jean Brunelle
 Johnson
 Jean Elizabeth Olson
 Shirley Marie Pratt

- Cynthia Jane Kennedy
 Judith Ann Blair Lucier
 Patricia Louise Shaw
 Jean Sharon Handy
 Erickson
 Bonnie Plotkin
 Dianne Jean Dill Tatro

DEATHS

Date	Name	Address
<i>January</i>		
4	John Joseph Stys	293 South Main St.
4	Margaret Matilda (McNutt) Hover	75 Grove St.
11	Alice Germany	123 Winter St.
12	Arthur Earl Wyman	16 North Prospect St.
14	Gabriele Colo	150 East Main St.
14	Mabel Grace Morse	14 Blodgett St.
19	Nettie V. McDonald	14 Ball St.
23	Gail L. Adams	Wheeler Pond Rd.
24	Herman Waldo Gates	22 West Main St.
31	Gertrude (McKenna) Shea	157 West River St.
<i>February</i>		
9	William Henry Gibbs	102 Mechanic St.
19	Gertrude Cordelia Stone	225 West River St.
25	Carl Loren Desseau	341 South Main St.
25	Donald Herrick Stone	54 Ball St.
26	Arcade Joseph Brousseau	690 East Main St.
28	William George Brace	1 High St.
<i>March</i>		
2	John McKnight	14 East Main St.
9	Cora Vernon Trafton	75 East Main St.
17	Aldea Gillespie	212 East Main St.
<i>April</i>		
4	Margaret Ann Murchie	III Hayden St.

13 Nancy Elizabeth Clemons
 16 Tracie Kim Cote
 25 Napoleon Philias Bernard
 27 Ernest Wesley Rivers
 30 Ruth I. French

75 East Main St.
 65 Summit St.
 132 Main St., Greenfield
 12 Ball St.
 11 1/2 North Main St.

May
 9 Margaret Elizabeth Frank

39 Eagle Road, Norwalk,
 Conn.
 43 West Main St.
 76 North Main St.
 75 East Main St.
 30 Russ St.

12 Amy Lillian Partridge
 15 Rose Edith Manning
 19 Jean Cameron
 27 Bertie W. Starkey

June
 3 Huber Wilbert Tandy
 9 Edwin Soloman Smith
 13 Clara E. Monahan
 15 Barbara C. Pratt
 18 Axel Isadore Johnson
 27 Benjamin George Johnson

30 Burrill Ave.
 73 North Main St.
 26 Beacon St.
 59 Prentiss St.
 261 North Main St.
 152 East Main St.

July
 5 Walter J. Marshall
 5 Nellie Page
 14 Sidney Arthur Forster
 18 Pearl Tabor
 18 Gertrude L. Bachelder
 30 Sadie Mary Gallagher
 30 Francisco George Carr

255 Walnut Hill
 75 East Main St.
 65 East Myrtle St.
 75 East Main St.
 93 Walnut Hill
 52 Whitney St.
 White Pond Road, Athol

August
 4 Jennie M. Sault
 4 Paul Bryant Richards, Jr.
 6 Mary B. Brooks
 8 Orry Rogers
 16 Webster Morton Brown
 18 Ruth C. Choate
 19 William Alfred Fearigo
 19 Peter Lech
 21 Roger Romeo Desmarais
 25 Evelyn V. Brailey

11 1/2 North Main St.
 19 Spring Street
 98 Wheeler Ave.
 482 South Main St.
 540 South Main St.
 49 West Main St.
 20 Cheney St.
 13 High St.
 52 Willow St., Keene, N.H.
 97 Daniel Shays Hwy.

September
 1 Nancy A. Picard
 2 Howard J. Spooner

328 Holtshire Rd.
 533 Walnut Hill Rd.

3	Evelyn Maude Mowry	West Orange Rd.
7	Michael A. Walpitscheker	14 East Main St.
11	John Albert Severin Anderson	114 South Main St.
26	Margaret Negus	Lake Mattawa
 October		
1	Robert Frank Smith	415 South Main St.
6	Joseph Leon Dupont	167 East Main St.
7	Leslie Henry Laughton	192 West Main St.
9	Nellie Blanche Pickett	746 South Main St.
10	Perley Edward Johnson	24 King St.
 December		
1	Flora E. Martin	28 Cheney St.
13	Marion Grace Hope	236 South Main St.
27	Lydia A. Burdick	73 North Main St.
30	Doris L. Johnson	630 South Main St.
 FISHERMAN'S, HUNTERS' AND TRAPPERS' LICENSES		
	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	336
	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	190
	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	276
	Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing Licenses	69
	Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Licenses	118
	Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	1
	Spec. Non Resident Fishing Licenses (7 days)	22
	Non Resident and Alien Fishing Licenses	14
	Non Resident Hunting Licenses	3
	Duplicate Licenses	22
	Archery Deer Stamps	26
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		1,077

Free Licenses:

Resident Citizens' Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Licenses 70 years and older	105
Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses O.A.A.	3
Resident Citizens' Military Sporting Licenses	53
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	161

Total number of licenses issued	57
	1,238

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Male Dogs	437
Female Dogs	75
Spayed Female Dogs	250
Kennel Licenses (\$10.00)	26
Kennel Licenses (\$25.00)	2
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Total Licenses issued	790

All dogs must be licensed in March for the year April 1 to the following March 31. Also, dogs must be licensed when they become three months old from that date to the following March 31, at which time they must be relicensed.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. SMITH
Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1969:

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION YEAR 1969

Personal Property	\$ 663,635.00
Real Estate	\$ 12,081,650.00
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	\$ 12,745,285.00

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS -OVERLAY-
STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

Town Appropriations	\$ 1,578,585.35
Overlay Deficits	5,621.37
School Lunch and Libraries	6,867.88
Retirement Assessment	18,972.00
County Tax	60,493.45
State Recreation Areas	7,982.08
Audit of Municipal Accounts	139.66
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	587.70
State Assessment System	248.24
Underestimates for 1968	601.32
Overlay of Current Year	<hr/> 122,000.00
	\$ 1,802,099.05

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1969 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds	\$ 426,849.26
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	107,556.97
Licenses	6,107.50
Special Assessments	3,604.00
General Government	2,872.95
Fines	790.00
Protection of Persons and Property	2,826.85
Health and Sanitation	637.32
Highways	495.00
Schools	6,287.21
Libraries	235.09
Recreation	591.28
Water Dept.	35,148.68
Cemeteries	4,977.50
Interest	1,749.79
Farm Animal Excise	154.75

Airport		<u>1,174.78</u>
	\$	602,058.93
Overestimates from Cherry Sheet	\$	420.04
Amounts voted to be taken from Available Funds	\$	78,035.00
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation on Property	\$	1,121,585.08
Tax on Personal and Real Estate	\$	1,121,585.08
Tax on Motor Vehicles and Trailer Excise	\$	128,459.22
Tax on Sewers	\$	3,672.00
Number of Parcels Assessed:		
Number bills on Personal Estate		304
Number bills on Real Estate		2900
Number bills on Farm Animal Excise		9
Number of Livestock Assessed:		
Horses		62
Neat Cattle:		212
Cows (Milch)		
Yearlings, Bulls, Heifers, etc.		47
Swine		9
Sheep		5
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed:		1,587
Number of Acres of land assessed:		19,396.832

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn E. Whitney
 Clarence E. Goodnow
 Durward E. Cornwell

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Cash on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 350,776.51
Total Receipts for 1969	<u>\$ 2,166,023.71</u>
	\$ 2,516,800.22
Payments in 1969 per 104 Warrants	<u>\$ 2,116,822.06</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1969	\$ 399,978.16

An itemized report of the receipts and payments may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

TAX TITLES

Tax Titles held by the Town on January 1, 1969	\$ 46,470.16
Added to Tax Titles in 1969	<u>9,007.36</u>
	\$ 55,477.52
Tax Titles Foreclosed in 1969	\$ 1,571.32
Tax Titles Redeemed and Payments made in 1969	<u>966.21</u>
	\$ 52,939.99

Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE WANNBERG
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	Committed
1965 Personal Property	\$ 606.05	
1966 Personal Property	581.74	
1967 Personal Property	827.64	
1968 Personal Property	2729.64	
1969 Personal Property	\$ 58399.88	
1965 Real Estate	11553.38	
1966 Real Estate	19941.82	
1967 Real Estate	32984.62	
1968 Real Estate	96856.84	
1969 Real Estate	1063185.20	
1964 Motor Vehicle	5513.98	
1965 Motor Vehicle	9424.82	
1966 Motor Vehicle	11845.86	
1967 Motor Vehicle	11728.67	5549.30
1968 Motor Vehicle	28179.16	9085.28
1969 Motor Vehicle	128459.22	
1965 Sewers	96.00	
1966 Sewers	148.00	
1967 Sewers	156.00	
1968 Sewers	372.00	
1969 Sewers	3672.00	
1965 F.A.E.	38.75	
1966 F.A.E.	45.85	
1967 F.A.E.	49.00	
1968 F.A.E.	62.60	
1969 F.A.E.	389.97	

Paid	Abated	Tax Title	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970
\$ 111.44	\$ 494.61	\$	\$ None
115.94			465.80
202.44	60.00		565.20
2124.63	65.36		539.65
55357.72	96.80		2945.36
 7166.08	3043.00	873.30	471.00
5546.92	68.00	724.20	13602.70
7049.10		244.00	25691.52
45517.16	7796.70	1019.10	42523.88
858484.26	100442.56	5726.48	98531.90
 619.35	5513.98		None
825.73	333.94		8471.53
784.09	102.23		10917.90
13257.59	188.20		16305.68
96735.14	1669.61		22337.24
	8552.88		23171.20
 84.00	12.00		None
40.00	16.00	4.00	88.00
4.00	16.00	4.00	132.00
192.00	16.00	4.00	160.00
3324.00		8.00	340.00
 38.75			None
41.75			4.10
			49.00
			62.60
145.70			244.27

Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE WANNBERG
Tax Collector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Accounting Department covering the financial transactions of the Town of Orange for the year 1969 is herewith respectfully submitted:

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:

Local:

Real Estate	\$934,474.31
Personal Property	57,914.15
Farm Animal Excise	226.20
Tax Title Redemptions	966.21
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes	<u>570.70</u>
	\$994,151.57

From the State:

Income and Sales Taxes:	
Education Basis G.L. Ch. 70	\$221,838.40
Retarded Children G.L. Ch. 69 & 71	46,236.01
State Tax Basis	74,633.78
Corporation Tax	<u>12,559.46</u>
	355,267.65

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Alcoholic Beverage	\$6,825.00
Other licenses	<u>748.00</u>
	7,573.00

COURT FINES

1,215.00

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

From Federal Government:	
Ambulance Purchase	6,926.82
Public Assistance:	
Medical Assistance	1,516.50
School:	

Public Law 874 Title I	16,018.00
Title III	604.88
Food Service-School Lunches	<u>6,117.73</u>
	31,183.93

From the State:

School:	
Transportation	\$27,011.72
Vocational Education	12,737.92
Food Service-School Lunches	4,726.25
Other Purposes:	
Highways-Chapter 81	36,712.50
Highways-Chapter 616	6,704.29
Library Aid	1,538.50
Dutch Elm Disease Control	558.14

89,989.32

From the County:

Dog Fund	2,247.21
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From Individuals:

Howard P. Warren Estate for Library	190.00
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Sale of Tax Possession Property	<u>1,050.00</u>
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TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$1,482,876.68
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Sewer Rentals	\$ 3,656.00
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PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	<u>111,025.22</u>
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TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE	\$114,681.22
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DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Tax Costs-Collector	\$ 145.00
Town Clerk's Fees	880.70

Raffle Permits	90.00
Marriage Licenses	164.00
Town Hall Rental	<u>1,630.00</u>
	2,909.70

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department:	
Firearm I. D. Cards	\$ 1,122.00
Copies of Reports	184.00
Fire Department	6.50
Use of Ambulance	2,075.10
Reimbursement False Alarm	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	239.30
Dog Officer	<u>73.00</u>
	3,799.90

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Board of Health Licenses	\$ 440.75
Trailer Fees	2,016.00
Sewer Maintenance	<u>140.00</u>
	2,596.75

HIGHWAYS:

General, Sale of Materials, etc.	\$ 106.00
State and County Chapter 90	29,500.00
Machinery Rental	525.00
Use of Machinery	<u>13,299.34</u>
	43,430.34

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Old Age Assistance	143.71
Medical Assistance	3,890.92
Aid to Families with Dep. Chil.	855.09
Disability Assistance	1.24
General Relief	<u>635.27</u>
	5,526.23

VETERANS' SERVICES:

Reimbursement for relief	15,335.31
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Tuition & Transp. State Wards	2,991.59
Tuition Other Towns	2,512.86
Rent of facilities	740.00
Food Service-Lunch Receipts	30,300.29
	<u>36,544.74</u>

LIBRARIES:

Cards and fines	217.54
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UNCLASSIFIED:

Telephone booth receipts	289.43
Rent of Tax Possession Property	245.00
Lease of Muzzey Field	1.00
Compensation for State Tax	56.07
Sale of desks	85.00
	<u>676.50</u>

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE III, 037.01

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

AIRPORT:

Rentals	905.00
Reimb. Adm. Building	610.71
Lease of Land	30.00
	<u>1,545.71</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Rates	51,519.82
Water Services	<u>3,333.35</u>
	54,853.17

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

Care of Lots	170.50
Burials	4,783.00
Foundations	551.10
	<u>5,504.60</u>

TOTAL ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES 61,903.48

INTEREST AND DEBT

INTEREST:

On Taxes	590.89
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	7,166.89
Alice S. Mann Fund	1,265.45
Leland Moore Library Fund	661.50
Marion Davis Library Fund	300.00
Carrie Hosmer Library Fund	50.00
Cemetery Flower Funds	25.00
Asula P. Goddard Library Fund	11.00
Sadie Orcutt Library Fund	<u>643.61</u>
	10,714.34

DEBT:

Temporary Loans:	
Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement	<u>26,550.00</u>
	<u>326,550.00</u>

TOTAL INTEREST AND DEBT 337,264.34

AGENCY AND TRUST

AGENCY:

Dog Licenses for County	1,861.50
Payroll Deductions:	
State Withholding Tax	12,823.52
Group Insurance	9,997.90
Retirement Fund	10,728.81
Washington National Insurance	956.04
Teachers' Dues	<u>584.00</u>
	36,951.77

TRUST FUNDS:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	<u>3,695.00</u>
TOTAL AGENCY AND TRUST	40,646.77

REFUNDS:

General Government	100.00
Highways	5.08
Welfare District Administration Expense	16,604.17
Public Assistance	20.00
Veterans' Benefits	84.84
Insurance Town Buildings	21.00
Schools	166.16
Compensation Insurance	622.00
Group Insurance	93.96
Airport	6.00
TOTAL REFUNDS	17,623.21

RECAPITULATION

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969	\$ 350,776.51
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RECEIPTS:

General Revenue	\$ 1,482,867.68
Commercial Revenue	114,681.22
Departmental Revenue	111,037.01
Enterprises and Cemeteries	61,903.48
Interest and Debt	337,264.34
Agency and Trust	40,646.77
Refunds	17,623.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,166,023.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	2,516,800.22

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS BONDS

Town Clerk	10.00
Treasurer	214.00
Collector	<u>406.00</u>
	630.00

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries	
Moderator	20.00
Supplies and Blank Forms	443.06
Telephone	214.80
Posting Warrants	24.00
Publishing Warrants	176.40
Other Expenses	<u>591.79</u>
	1,470.05

GENERAL OFFICE

Salaries and Wages	5,051.95
Equipment and Supplies	.172.05
Stamped Envelopes and Postage	<u>1,670.54</u>
	1,842.59

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Salary	5,000.00
Supplies and Printing	116.21
Telephone	23.50
Dues	<u>5.00</u>
	144.71

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Salary	2,500.00
Supplies	267.79
Servicing Machines	62.35
Certification of Notes	29.00
Dues	6.00
Auction Notice	7.56
Recording fee	<u>21.30</u>
	394.00

FORECLOSURE EXPENSE	453.24
COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT	
Salary	4,500.00
Telephone	132.30
Tax Bills	166.58
Supplies, books and forms	496.42
Insurance Money and Securities	57.00
Maintenance of Machines	50.48
Dues	6.00
Deputy's Bond	10.00
Petty Cash Advance	100.00
	<u>1,018.78</u>
ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT	
Salaries	2,400.00
Supplies, forms, postage	237.32
Telephone	65.25
Transfer Expense	230.20
Transportation	150.00
Dues	41.00
	<u>1,030.25</u>
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT	
Salary	2,000.00
Telephone	114.15
Forms, supplies & postage	233.51
Notices	13.30
Dues	49.00
Express	13.64
	<u>423.60</u>
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	
Salaries Registrars & Clerk	300.00
Election Officers	220.00
Listing Voters	400.00
Voting Lists	150.00
Equipment and Supplies	159.85
Blank Forms	58.50
Printing	90.00
	<u>1,378.85</u>
LAKE MATTAWA STUDY COMMITTEE	7.75

SEWERAGE FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENSE	40.00
PLANNING BOARD	
Expense	135.95
Operation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,135.95
TOWN COUNSEL	800.00
INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	6,000.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE	
Dues and Expense to Meetings	138.00
Supplies and Printing	<u>70.00</u>
	208.00
NEW BOILER TOWN HALL	9,500.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	
Janitor	1,382.50
Fuel and Lights	3,758.46
Supplies and Repairs	1,414.92
Liability Insurance	233.00
Special Hall License	<u>25.00</u>
	<u>5,457.61</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	55,669.83
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	54,169.99
Telephone	552.37
Radio Repairs	14.60
Supplies	1,205.18
Prisoners' Lunches	25.00
Expense for Schooling	343.50
Investigation Expense	148.48
Accident Policy	520.00
Dues	<u>25.00</u>
	2,834.13
Uniforms	800.00

POLICE CAR	
Gas, Oil & Lubrication	1,874.43
Supplies & Repairs	682.26
Tires and Tubes	400.60
Registration and Insurance	126.25
	<u>3,083.54</u>
AMBULANCE	
Drivers and Helpers	1,899.00
Gas, Oil and Lubrication	158.50
Repairs and Supplies	213.34
Tire Repair	9.60
Laundry	60.35
Insurance	344.20
	<u>2,684.99</u>
NEW POLICE CAR	1,441.25
NEW AMBULANCE	13,918.05
DOG EXPENSE	73.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	34,086.80
Gas, Oil and Repairs-Trucks	522.84
Fuel and lights	1,416.96
Telephone	541.25
Repairs and Supplies	1,417.75
Laundry	73.54
Hose and Equipment	708.50
Insurance	692.64
Mileage and expense to meetings	315.00
Dues	10.00
Care of Tully Fire Station	256.00
	<u>5,954.48</u>
FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE	
Care and Labor	1,005.00
Tools and Supplies	92.12
Boxes	124.00
	<u>1,221.12</u>
NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES	589.40

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POLICE AND FIRE ALARM SIGNAL	202.96
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	452.23
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	550.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION	600.00
TREE WARDEN	
Superintendent	431.00
Labor	320.00
Use of Truck	105.00
Equipment and Supplies	185.98
Tree Removal	<u>1,458.00</u>
	2,499.98
DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL	
Superintendent	688.00
Labor	950.00
Use of Truck	340.00
Tree Removal	<u>1,579.27</u>
	3,557.27
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	
Warden	240.00
Firemen	<u>1,490.00</u>
Supplies	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>1,745.00</u>
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	130,464.19

HEALTH AND SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH	
Salaries	300.00
Supplies and Clinics	481.94
Plumbing Inspections	261.00
Milk Inspector	250.00
Sanitary Agent	<u>500.00</u>
	1,492.78
Rubbish Collection and Care of Dump	20,935.21
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	2,000.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	175.00
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING	150.00
PIGEON CONTROL	500.00
SEWERAGE DISPOSAL ENGINEERING	15,645.16
SEWER MAINTENANCE	
Labor	1,368.13
Pumping Tank	120.00
Supplies and Equipment	<u>721.65</u>
	<u>2,209.78</u>
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	43,407.93
HIGHWAYS	
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	
Labor	364.50
Fuel and Lights	1,305.00
Telephone	230.05
Repairs and Supplies	<u>490.37</u>
	<u>2,389.92</u>
SNOW AND ICE	
Labor	17,060.17
Rent of Equipment	875.70
Sand, Salt & Supplies	<u>6,406.84</u>
	<u>24,342.71</u>
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR AND OPERATION	
Labor	2,204.19
Gas and Oil	6,570.07
Repairs, Parts and Supplies	5,771.47
Tires	1,099.12
Registration and Insurance	1,582.90
Freight and Express	23.19
Diesel Oil tax and license	169.26
Use of car	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>17,470.20</u>
CHAPTER 81	
Labor	17,848.95

Use of Equipment	6,788.91
Rent of Equipment	2,198.43
Stone, sand and Gravel	5,193.64
Road Compounds	4,141.47
Painting lines	381.60
Culverts and catch basins	<u>147.00</u>
	36,700.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Labor	1,858.62
Use of Equipment	813.00
Stone, Sand and Gravel	707.50
Road Compounds	<u>2,620.88</u>
	6,000.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION (Bal. 1968 Account)

Labor	9,973.38
Use of Equipment	3,474.91
Rent of Equipment	704.00
Road Compounds	1,054.94
Culverts and catch basins	5,723.35
Guard Rail	1,518.39
Sand, gravel, stone, etc.	<u>717.30</u>
	23,166.27

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1969 Acct.

Labor	3,783.60
Use of Equipment	2,067.00
Rent of Equipment	1,794.00
Sand, gravel & stone	1,332.60
Road Compounds	<u>485.74</u>
	9,462.94

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Labor	13,788.28
Equipment and Supplies	2,123.69
Road Compounds	221.24
Sand, gravel and cement	362.24
Repair tools and equipment	135.83
Fuel Oil	40.63
Office Supplies	3.10
Paint cross walks, etc.	400.00
Other expenses	<u>5.24</u>
	17,080.25

MACHINERY PURCHASE

Front end loader	11,995.00
New truck	5,200.00
Used truck	1,985.00
	<u>19,180.00</u>

FLOOD CONTROL

Supervisor	75.00
Power	90.01
	<u>165.01</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Street Lights	9,099.63
Traffic Lights	<u>286.14</u>
	9,385.77

PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN

11.50

FENCE VIEWERS

25.00

TOTAL HIGHWAYS

165,379.57

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

2,297.70

FEDERAL GRANT

5,098.95

VETERANS' BENEFITS

30,321.59

TOTAL CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

37,718.24

EDUCATION

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT -ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	11,000.00
Clerk	5,200.00
Travel Expense	99.40
Supplies and Postage	789.34
Dues	310.00
Bid Notices and printing	131.56
Expense to meetings	13.94
	<u>17,530.30</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT -INSTRUCTION

Teachers and Supervisors	274,929.65
Clerk and aides	3,741.24
Membership fee	75.00
Books and Supplies	11,594.70
Teachers' Travel	10:00
Freight and Express	16.84
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	290,367.43

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT -OPERATION

Janitors	22,832.41
Telephone	879.05
Fuel and Lights	13,814.30
Supplies and Repairs	12,635.87
Trucking and Snow Removal	908.00
Maint. of Equipment	87.80
Mowing	15.00
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	51,172.43

SCHOOLS-AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Transportation	37,935.70
Tuition-special class	3,041.64
School physician	1,000.00
School nurse	4,500.00
Nurse's travel	40.00
Health supplies and travel	203.70
Truant Officer	150.00
Insurance	722.00
Rent	1,620.00
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	49,213.04

NEW EQUIPMENT 3,855.38

FEDERAL GRANT-TITLE I

Payroll	9,173.75
Books and supplies	2,713.09
Speakers and travel	3,945.39
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	15,832.23

FEDERAL GRANT-TITLE II 1,043.27

SURVEY CENTRAL AND SOUTH SCHOOLS 85.00

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Tuition	32,530.55
Transportation	<u>18,198.50</u>
	50,729.05

REGIONAL SCHOOL

563,239.30

SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

Salaries and Wages	14,585.66
Milk and Groceries	22,262.60
Supplies and Equipment	1,760.67
Trucking and express	1,661.58
Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>
	40,320.51

TOTAL EDUCATION

1,083,387.94

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages	12,493.00
Books and Periodicals	4,090.43
Rebinding Books	172.31
Supplies and Repairs	1,500.91
Fuel and Lights	1,316.86
Telephone	153.30
Insurance	60.00
Trucking, postage, etc.	<u>225.35</u>
	7,518.44

LELAND-MOORE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE FUND

661.16

SADIE ORCUTT LIBRARY FUND

643.61

CARRIE HOSMER LIBRARY MUSIC FUND

50.00

HOWARD P. WARREN LIBRARY BEQUEST

190.00

TOTAL LIBRARIES

21,556.23

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Superintendent	200.00
Labor	2,335.17

Equipment and supplies	349.94	
Electricity	47.41	
Floats	208.40	
Repairs	<u>88.38</u>	
	3,229.30	
MILLERS RIVER IMPROVEMENT	433.07	433.07
LIFE GUARD AND SWIMMING INSTRUCTION		
Swimming Instruction	476.00	
Life Guard	<u>447.44</u>	
	923.44	
RECREATION PROGRAM		987.50
FISH AND GAME DISTRIBUTION		400.00
MEMORIAL HALL MAINTENANCE		
Janitor	600.00	
Lights	65.17	
Fuel	613.05	
Supplies and Repairs	1,203.02	
Flag Pole and Mounting	<u>342.28</u>	
	2,823.52	
MEMORIAL DAY		
Music	82.00	
Wreaths, Markers and Flags	236.93	
Lunches	43.34	
Transportation	<u>35.00</u>	
	397.27	
TOWN REPORTS		2,207.50
PARKING LOTS		86.00
MUSIC NORTH ORANGE		65.00
BAND CONCERTS		700.00
GROUP INSURANCE		10,080.14
COMPENSATION INSURANCE		4,361.00

FIRE INSURANCE TOWN BUILDINGS	4,052.00
ALICE S. MANN FUND INCOME	1,265.45
UNOCCUPIED SCHOOL BUILDINGS	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED	32, III. 19

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

AIRPORT -ADMINISTRATION

Insurance	631.00
Dues and Expense to Meetings	<u>38.95</u>
	669.95

AIRPORT -BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Buildings:	
Fuel and Lights	680.77
Repairs and Supplies	237.95
Equipment:	
Beacon	126.30
Mower and Tractor	<u>169.67</u>
	1,214.69

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE

Snow Removal	363.44
Mowing	310.76
Runway Lights	214.12
Rubbish Removal	<u>227.50</u>
	1,182.57

WATER DEPARTMENT

Board Salaries	450.00
Salaries and Wages	20,987.82
Power and Lights	5,800.95
Telephone	307.98
Fuel	783.72
Repairs	487.15
Tools and Supplies	1,202.10
Truck Operation	499.50
Insurance	200.00
Rent of pipe and thawing pipes	48.80
Dues and Travel expense	<u>113.95</u>
	9,444.15

WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Meters	766.82
Pipe and Fittings	1,397.28
Copper Tubing	1,487.40
Hydrants and repairs	1,075.96
	<u>4,727.46</u>

MAGEE MEADOW WELL 776.11

FOUNTAIN STREET WATER PIPE 601.09

BEACON STREET WATER PIPE 498.30

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Board Salaries	225.00
Salaries and Wages	15,211.00
Telephone	58.60
Truck Operation	428.98
Equipment and Supplies	884.41
Fuel Oil	145.60
Plants	170.50
Lights	50.70
Dozer Work	80.00
Notices	14.88
	<u>1,833.67</u>

CEMETERY TRUCK PURCHASE 2,945.10

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS 36.00

TOTAL ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES 60,943.51

INTEREST AND DEBT

INTEREST

Temporary Loans	7,360.53
Fire Truck Loan	720.00
	<u>8,080.53</u>

MATURING DEBT

Temporary Loans	326,550.00
Fire Truck Loan	4,500.00
	<u>331,050.00</u>

TOTAL INTEREST AND DEBT 339,130.53

AGENCY, TRUST AND REFUNDS

AGENCY

Payroll Deductions:	
State Tax	12,784.23
Retirement	10,601.41
Group Insurance	8,348.68
Washington National Insurance	985.08
Teachers' Dues	484.00
Other Agency:	
State Parks & Reservation Tax	8,143.61
Auditing Tax	139.66
County Tax	61,252.23
Dog Licenses	1,861.50
Retirement Assessment	18,972.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	587.70
State Assessment System	248.24
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	124,408.34

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,620.00
Cemetery Flower Funds	300.00
Stabilization Fund	<hr/> 5,000.00
	8,920.00

REFUNDS

Real Estate Taxes	10,495.19
Personal Property Taxes	21.70
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	2,183.27
Water Department	<hr/> 24.40
	12,724.56

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST AND REFUNDS

146,052.90

RECAPITULATION

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1969

General Government	56,669.83
Protection of Persons and Property	130,464.19
Health and Sanitation	43,407.93
Highways	165,379.57
Charities and Veterans' Benefits	37,718.24
Education	<hr/> 1,083,387.94

Libraries	21,556.23
Recreation and Unclassified	32,111.19
Enterprises and Cemeteries	60,943.51
Interest and Debt	339,130.53
Agency, Trust and Refunds	<u>146,052.90</u>
	2,116,822.06
Cash on Hand January 1, 1969	\$ 350,776.51
Total Receipts 1969	<u>2,166,023.71</u>
Total Receipts and Cash on Hand	2,516,800.22
Total Expenditures 1969	<u>2,116,822.06</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969	399,978.16

TOWN OF ORANGE

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1969

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Cash	\$399,978.16	Employee's Payroll Withholdings:
Petty Cash Advance	50.00	State Withholding Tax \$1,180.15
Accounts Receivable:		Retirement Deductions 1,059.90
Taxes:		Washington National Ins. 76.38
Levy of 1965:		Group Insurance 2,632.95
Real Estate	1,282.98	Teachers Dues 100.00
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Levy of 1966:		5,049.38
Personal Property	465.80	
Real Estate	<hr/> 13,602.70	Tailings Account
Levy of 1967:		316.10
Personal Property	565.20	
Real Estate	<hr/> 25,691.52	Trust Fund Income:
	26,256.72	Leland Moore Library Fund 2,177.00
		Marion R. Davis Library Fund 300.00
		<hr/> 2,477.00
Levy of 1968:		Bequests:
Personal Property	539.65	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 300.00
Real Estate	<hr/> 41,711.90	Kidder-Russell Memorial Fund 3,000.00
	42,251.55	<hr/> 3,300.00
		1,002.77 Dog Fund from County

Levy of 1969:		
Personal Property	2,945.36	
Real Estate	<u>98,531.90</u>	101,477.26
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1965	8,471.53	
Levy of 1966	10,917.90	
Levy of 1967	16,305.68	
Levy of 1968	22,337.24	
Levy of 1969	<u>23,171.20</u>	81,203.55
Farm Animal Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1966	4.10	
Levy of 1967	<u>49.00</u>	
Levy of 1968	62.60	
Levy of 1969	<u>244.27</u>	359.97
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Rentals:		
Levy of 1966	88.00	
Levy of 1967	<u>132.00</u>	
Levy of 1968	160.00	
Levy of 1969	<u>340.00</u>	720.00
Federal Grants:		
Medical Assistance:		
Assistance		2,798.37
National Defense Education Act Aid to Education-Title I	<u>571.44</u>	<u>233.93</u>
		3,603.74
Revenue Appropriation Balances Forwarded:		
Sewerage Facilities Comm.	210.00	
New Doors-Fire Station	3,000.00	
New Fire Truck Pumper	455.00	
Fire Alarm and Police Signal Systems	2,297.04	
Civil Defense	<u>279.77</u>	
Sewerage Disposal and Treatment Plant Engineering Fees	7,354.84	
Chapter 90 Construction	<u>7,091.35</u>	
Central School Renovation	30,000.00	
Reg. School District Planning Com.	200.00	
Library Floor	4,000.00	
Lake Mattawa Survey Dilapidated and Burned Buildings	<u>492.25</u>	
Airport Runway Repair	1,000.00	
Airport Runway	12,000.00	

Tax Titles	52,939.99	Walnut Hill Reservoir River Pipe Replacement	2,696.00
Tax Possessions	2,011.17	Spring St. Water Pipe Fountain St. Water Pipe	20,000.00
Departmental Accounts:		East Rd. Water Project	1,344.67
Selectmen's Licenses	295.00	Water Improvement Proj.	299.37
Police Department	21.00		2,000.00
Ambulance	2,234.10		764.34
Board of Health	13.00		
Sewer Maintenance	127.79		
Highway Department	150.00	School Lunch Program	96,303.84
Machinery Rentals	10.80		4,265.24
Airport Rentals	1,762.89		
Veterans Benefits	2,967.77	Temp. Loan Anticipation Reimb. Ch. 81 & 90	52,050.00
School Department	804.97		
Cemetery Department	114.50	Loans Authorized & Unissued	260,000.00
		Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,525.00
		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	246.50
Water Department:		Rd. Machinery Earnings Reserve Fund	14,671.44
Water Rates	16,456.95	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	7,018.91
Water Services	605.59		
Aid to Highways:		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
State	21,906.25	1966 Overlay	10,687.01
County	11,850.00	1969 Overlay	21,460.64
	33,756.25		32,147.65

Due from County:
Dog Expense

68.00

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 81,203.55

Farm Animal Excise Tax 359.97

Special Assessments 720.00

Departmental Revenue 8,501.82

Tax Title Revenue 52,939.99

Tax Possession Revenue 2,011.17

162,799.04

Overlay Deficits:
1965 Overlay
1968 Overlay

3,193.21

714.96

3,908.17

Underestimates 1969:

State Parks & Reservations
County Tax

161.53

758.78

920.31

260,000.00

Loans Authorized

Reserve for Petty Cash Advance 50.00

State and County Aid to Hwy's. Revenue 29,550.00

Airport Temporary Bond 1,000.00

Water Surplus 51,368.91

Surplus Revenue 316,071.42

1,046,816.94

INDEBTEDNESS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

13,500.00

13,500.00

Fire Truck Pumper Loan 13,500.00

13,500.00

13,500.00

13,500.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

266,787.34

Alice S. Mann Trust Fund	23,992.24
Asula P. Goddard Charity Fund	7,206.95
Asula P. Goddard Library Fund	3,362.30
Mae Alice Mann Library Trust Fund	2,214.98
George A. Whipple Library Fund	267.18
Sadie M. Orcutt Library Fund	4,545.98
Addie J. Stratton Library Fund	294.43
Lizzie E. Read Library Fund	213.20
Marion S. Fowler Library Fund	288.01
Frank Parker Hosmer Library Fund	5,905.08
Carrie Delle Hosmer Music Fund	7,060.97
Leland Moore Library Maintenance Fund	16,875.00
Marion R. Davis Library Fund	2,000.00
Asula P. Goddard Park Fund	1,159.29
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	149,844.00
Asula P. Goddard Cemetery Fund	3,002.06
Henry L. Moore Cemetery Fund	1,604.42
Ernest H. Purnam Cemetery Fund	423.96
Clara Haas Bannon Cemetery Flower Fund	481.47
John and Selma Oberg Cemetery Flower Fund	465.33
Carl and Lillie Lilliestrand Cemetery Fund	461.24
Hartson-Fisher Cemetery Flower Fund	258.39

Kidder-Russell Cemetery Flower Fund	300.00
Stabilization Fund	34,560.86
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Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. SMITH, Town Accountant

REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

Mr. Arthur MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Orange for the period from January 1, 1966, the date of the previous examination, to August 9, 1969, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments were checked with the treasurer's books and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on August 9, 1969.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified, and the receipts as recorded were compared with the accountant's books, with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's records.

The treasurer's cash balance on August 9, 1969 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of cash in the office.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income and bequests were proved, and withdrawals were verified by comparison with the treasurer's record of receipts.

The records of funded debt, as well as temporary loans, were examined and checked. The loans issued were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, group insurance, and teachers' insurance and union dues were examined and checked. The deductions were proved, the payments to the proper agencies and the refunds to employees were verified, while the balances in the general treasury on August 9, 1969 were proved with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the foreclosures were verified, the amounts received on account of redemptions and sales were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted. The tax titles and tax possessions on hand August 9, 1969 were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger controls, and were further checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

It is again recommended that prompt action be taken to institute foreclosure proceedings on all tax titles held over two years, as required by the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax, excise, assessment, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded on the cash books were checked, the payments to the town treasurer

were verified, the transfers to the tax title account were proved, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger controls. The town collector's petty cash advance was proved by actual count.

To further verify the outstanding accounts, notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention is again called to the fact that taxes and excise are outstanding as far back as 1965, and that many of the water and other departmental accounts are outstanding for long periods of time, and it is again recommended that prompt action be taken to effect a complete settlement of all the delinquent accounts.

Extreme laxity was again noted on the part of the town collector in regard to the collection of interest on past due tax and excise accounts, as required by Section 57 of Chapter 59, and Section 2 of Chapter 60A, General Laws. The failure to collect the statutory interest has resulted in a substantial loss of revenue to the town.

The financial records of the town clerk were audited. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses and from recording and miscellaneous fees were checked. The payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash balance on August 9, 1969 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The appropriations, as voted by the town meetings, were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rates for the period covered by the audit.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the fire, highway, school and library departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments were proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the treasurer of the Eastern Franklin Veterans' Service District were examined and checked in conjunction

with the audit of the town treasurer's accounts. The receipt consisting of town assessments and payroll deductions, were analyzed and checked. The payments were checked with the vouchers and payrolls on file, and the cash balance on August 9, 1969 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, tax possessory, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

Cooperation was received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ
Assistant Chief of Bureau

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year 1969:

Total Arrests	402
Accidents Reported	189
Night Lodgers	9
Store doors found unlocked and secured	262
Street Lights out	32

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. SMITH
Chief of Police

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

Dog Complaints	338
Dogs Killed	75
Cats Killed	43

Respectfully submitted,

LEE BERGQUIST
Dog Officer

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is the report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1969:

Box Alarms	32
Box Three Alarms	47
Single Six Alarms	18
Still Alarms	26
False Alarms	5
Dump Fires	6
Brush and Grass Fires	29
Mutual Aid	17
Investigations	7
Chimney Fires	12
Fire Permits Issued	2214

Tully Fire Company

Brush and Grass Fires	4
Chimney Fires	1
House Fire	1

This Department answered 2226 calls for the Police Department.

Received from oil & gas permits	\$ 18.50
Insurance on property involved in fire	1,824,000.00
Insurance paid same	29,130.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. PIPER, Chief
 ALBERT G. PARMENTER
 Deputy Chief
 VERNON C. HAMLETT
 Dist. Deputy Chief

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

Two new fire alarm boxes #214 North Main and School St., #114 East Main and Grove St., were installed (Art. 27-1969 Town meeting)

No changes were made on fire alarm lines in Central Square (Art. 29-1969 Town meeting) because final plans have not been submitted by Mass. Electric relative to which poles will be removed.

General maintenance and repairs were made on lines equipment.

Pruning of trees on line right of way was done.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. REYNOLDS
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following report is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1969.

During the year I have had the cooperation of all the electricians and the electric light company. Two hundred and fifty-one applications were received, listed below is a classification of inspections.

Applications for permits	251
Oil and gas heat	23
Range receptacles	21
Electric dryers	41
Electric washing machines	7
Electric and oil water heaters	56
Trailers	6
New garages	1
Disposals	8
Services changed	89
Houses with electric heat	9
Businesses and industrial buildings	4
Schools	2
Air conditioners	4

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. FLEMING
Inspector of Wires

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health is in the process of stabilizing procedures of all aspects of sanitary conditions in the town.

New trailer by-laws have been adopted. Several new sanitary permits have been made compulsory prior to construction. Vigorous efforts have been made to establish that all residents in the town comply with State regulations. This has been a slow and often frustrating process, but we are in hopes that future town administration will have fewer problems left to them from prior administrations.

We are very much concerned with maintaining Lake Mattawa pure. To this date, our investigations indicate that no significant pollution exists. We will be issuing, in the future, regulations formulated to maintain the integrity of this water.

We are also continuing to implement fluoridation of the town water supply although admittedly we are proceeding much slower than we would like to largely due to the amazing volume of first priority problems that have come before us.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE E. MILLER, M.D.

Chairman

MARILYN JOHNSON

Clerk

MILES W. SPOONER

Board of Health

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for 1969. In November I attended a meeting for area Animal Inspectors in Northampton.

I checked out two interstate permits.

Work for the Division of Animal Health was completed on December 31, 1969.

The following number of livestock in town:

Cattle	487
Horses	91
Sheep	37
Swine	54
Goats	7

Livestock and premises were found to be in average condition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. HUNT
Animal Inspector

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I therewith submit the annual report of this department for the year 1969.

The work of this department has been the regular upkeep of streets and roads, sidewalks and bridges not included in Chapter 81 or Chapter 90.

Projects include the following:

Construction of sections of sidewalk.

Prospect St. 150 ft. of sidewalk was constructed, East Main St. 150 ft. Mechanic St. 100 ft. Water St. 50 ft. and South Main St. 50 ft.

Drainage under the highway budget included 150 ft. of drain pipe on Mechanic St., 360 ft. of drain pipe and a catch basin built on East River St. for use by the Housing Development.

Reconstruction of numerous driveway entrances with bituminous concrete.

Iron rail fences were repaired.

Streets were swept in the Spring and Fall.

Limbs felled during storms were cleared from streets and roads.

Sand was delivered to houses for private use.

Sand boxes were put out and filled periodically for use by the public.

Snow fence was erected.

Sidewalks were cleared after each snow storm, and salt and sand were applied when necessary.

We plowed and sanded Mahar Regional's parking lot, Dexter Park School was also kept plowed out and sanded.

Taxiways, ramps and parking lots were plowed at the airport.

300 tons of salt and 2600 yards of sand were applied to the streets and roads.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Numerous lines from streets to houses were unplugged.

Broken sewer pipes were replaced.

Many new sewer lines to houses were laid.

The septic tank on East Howe St. was pumped out.

Lines were thawed out when frozen.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Regular maintenance was kept up at the town barn.

Lights were installed in the vehicle maintenance section of the building.

Some of the damaged windows were replaced with glass blocks.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

The section of road on North Main St. from the Oxbow Rd. to Cross Roads was completed.

Trees and brush were cut to begin construction on a section of North Main St. from the intersection of Cross Roads south.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

The work completed under this account was as follows:

1000 gallons of m.c. 3000 asphalt was applied to North Main St., North Orange Rd. 1775 gallons of m.c. 5, Tully Rd. 2075 gallons of m.c. 5, West River St. 1050 gallons of m.c. 5, Holtshire Rd. 750 gallons of m.c. 5, East River St. 900 gallons of m.c. 5, and Wheeler Ave. 1450 gallons of m.c. 3000 was applied.

Sections of guard rail around Lake Mattawa Rd. were replaced.

CHAPTER 81

The maintenance and surfacing of all roads (accepted) and streets except Chapter 90 Maint. is carried out under this account. At present the state furnishes 67% of the money spent. This work constitutes the maintenance and surfacing of both graveled and oiled rds. and streets, of which 62 miles are oiled and 21 miles are gravel.

Work finished under this account are as follows:

The usual scraping of roads and streets.

This year the oiling was done by the Hudson Co., Dean Co. and Allstates. 13,275 gallons of m.c. 3000 and 2775 gallons of t 6 were used to oil and tar the following roads and streets:

Haskins Rd., 3168 ft. were oiled, Athol Rd. 4488 ft., Tully Rd. 6864 ft., Chestnut Hill 792 ft., Shelter St. 790 ft., Ball St. 752 ft., Beacon St. 750 ft., East Howe St. 250 ft., Mechanic St. 528 ft., Eddy St. 790 ft., Mill St. 528 ft., Cheney St. 1584 ft., Clifton St. 525 ft., Horton Rd. 2,100 ft., and Red Brook Lane 528 ft.

500 feet of construction was completed on Chestnut Hill and 1,000 ft. of new work was done on Horton Rd.

Drainage consisted of cleaning ditches, catch basins and drop inlets.

Bituminous patching of tarred roads and streets.

Gravel patching of roads.

Widening of a section of East Road was continued.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Grass at Butterfield Park, Goddard Park and Memorial Park was mowed, hedges trimmed, bushes cut and leaves were raked up and disposed of.

The ball park was kept in shape for ball games.

Lights were put up at the band stand and the band stand was repaired.

Flower boxes were filled with loam and placed on the railings of

the bridge over Millers River.

Sand was brought to the beach at Lake Mattawa, a boat and chair were placed at the beach and life guards hired.

In the fall flower boxes were removed from the Millers River Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIVERS
Superintendent of Highways

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following report covers the activities of this office as they pertain to the Town of Orange.

Richard McK. Shea served in the capacity of Acting Agent until the appointment March 1, 1969 of the undersigned, Joseph T. Barry of Wendell, Mass., a member town of the Eastern Franklin District, Veterans' Services.

During the year this department has assisted residents of Orange in processing applications for pensions, Vietnam Bonuses, Death Benefits, Education, Home Loans, Hospitalization, Grave Markers, etc., and have registered sixty-two young men for Selective Service.

All Veterans are encouraged to contact this office to establish a file of their service records and if eligible to apply for VA benefits such as Education, Dental, Pensions or Compensations, etc.

Finally, as a reminder to all young men that they must register with the Selective Service Board within five days of their eighteenth birthday. This may be accomplished at this office or at the local Draft Board #II, Greenfield, Mass.

The case load for Orange during 1969 included fifteen permanent cases for Ordinary Benefits, and fuel, five cases for emergency medical, two cases for occasional food, and one for homemaker's assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. BARRY
Director and Agent

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1969 the library department added 944 new books and the circulation was 56,364 with a total of 4,130 borrowers. We now have 30,067 volumes in the library. Following are some of the items of interest and business that took place at the Wheeler Memorial Library.

The Western Regional Library System gave a six week course on cataloging and classification in our library for area librarians with fifteen attending.

The Madrigal Singers from the University of Mass. put on a program at the library for the public during National Library Week.

A gift of a stereo record player was given in memory of Howard P. Warren.

We now have several records available for use at the library or to be borrowed.

Despite the increased cost of books we have added several reference volumes with the monies received from State Aid. We are also adding many new children's books.

A total of 2,679 books were loaned to the elementary schools.

Special requests for books are met by borrowing through the Regional Library System.

Many organizations such as the 4H groups, Girl Scouts, Woman's Club, United Fund, etc. use the meeting room at the Wheeler Memorial Library.

Twenty combination windows were purchased this year starting a program to eventually have them on all windows.

In the program to better the lighting system two more banks of fluorescent lights were added.

Specifications are being drawn up for the new floor in the main lobby.

At the Moore-Leland Library in North Orange a meeting of the Conn. Valley Library Assoc. was held with Miss Mabel Glasson of Orange being reelected President.

The Book Mobile services North Orange every eight to ten weeks.

A good attendance was reported at the Summer Reading Club held in North Orange.

The four grades of elementary school in North Orange have regular reading hours at the Moore-Leland Library.

The Congregational Women have a reading club at the library.

Following are the hours the Libraries are open to the public.

Wheeler Memorial Library, Orange, Mass.

2-8 p.m. Monday through Friday
2-6 p.m. Saturday
Closed Saturdays July and August
Closed holidays

Moore-Leland Library, North Orange, Mass.

1-3:30 Tuesday
1:30 -4 Thursday
1:30-4:30 Saturday
Closed holidays

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Coleman, Chairman
Robert Collen
Erle Witty
Raymond Choate
Mrs. Philip Estabrooks
Miss Doris Olson
Board of Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

American Library Association Form of Statistics

Population served (1960)	6,154
Number of days open during the year	294
Hours open each week for reading	34
Hours open each week for lending	34
Number of volumes added by purchase	944
Number of volumes added by gift	12
Total number of volumes at the end of the year	30,067
Number of volumes loaned for home use	56,364
Number of registered borrowers	4,130
Reading certificates issued	354
Honor certificates issued	54

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel E. Glasson, Librarian
Wheeler Memorial Library

Moore-Leland Library
North Orange, Mass.

Number of days open during the year	152
Hours open each week for reading	8
Hours open each week for lending	8
Number of volumes added by purchase	80
Number of volumes added by gift	6
Total number of volumes at end of year	4,216
Number of volumes loaned for home use	7,136
Number of registered borrowers	285
State certificates issued	54
Honor certificates issued	4

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtha Gale, Librarian
Moore-Leland Library
North Orange, Mass.

AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The year 1969 was one of many changes and improvements at the Orange Municipal Airport.

The Orange-Athol Aero Club built a club room above their hangar which enhances its appearance and allows 360 degree visibility of the entire field.

RACOM, whose members provide a valuable two way radio service in area emergencies and to motorists in trouble, have their home base at the former Air Reserve quonset hut. This building has been repaired and re-painted inside and out.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Sport Parachuting in Orange and as an indication of Parachutes, Incorporated's enthusiasm and optimism for the future, the following projects were accomplished:

1. Repair and paint old town hangar and airport house.
2. Repaint town hangar on flight line.
3. Completely renovate wooden building now used as parachute classroom.
4. Repaint inside of administration building.
5. Extensive brush cutting on field.

These projects were accomplished by P. I. personnel, at no cost to the town of Orange and represent an expenditure of \$9,000.00 more than the normal operating expenses of Parachutes, Incorporated.

This year saw the discontinuance of drag racing at Orange. The Orange Kiwanis Club assisted by the New England Timing Association had conducted drag races at Orange for many years. Restrictive safety regulations and the resultant high costs in complying with them made it necessary to discontinue these events.

We were able to continue non-spectator sports car events through the efforts of Mr. Edward Smith of the Mass. Dept. of Safety and

Mr. William Piper of the Orange Fire Department. We scheduled eight of these events in 1969, resulting in \$800.00 revenue to the Town of Orange.

Federal aid to re-surface runway 14-32 was not available in 1969. We have had recent discussions and communications with the Mass. Aeronautics Commissions regarding planning and aid on this project for 1970.

Three model aviation events were held in 1969 including the 15th annual New England Radio Control championships.

We have shared a good working relationship with Parachutes, Incorporated personnel in 1969 and look forward to another cooperative successful year in 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

John Holston, Chairman
Carl Abrahamson
Lloyd Taylor
Norman Sixt
Stewart Marshall
Co-Chairmen
Orange Airport Commission

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Water Department for the year 1969.

1969 146,039,000 Gallons of water pumped
 124,015,250 Gallons of water metered

1968 135,263,000 Gallons of water pumped
 109,592,250 Gallons of water metered

- 11 Old meters replaced
- 32 Meters repaired
- 11 New services metered
- 17 New services installed
- 6 Old services renewed
- 75 Services turned on or off at owners request
- 5 Frozen meters
- 1 Frozen service pipe
- 13 Hydrants damaged by motor vehicles repaired
- 1 Obsolete hydrant replaced
- 8 Leaks in service pipes repaired
- 16 Samples of water sent to the State Department of public health for testing

All hydrants tested and flushed in the spring and fall.

The salt content in our water has risen from 1.5 p.p.m. in 1957 to 23 p.p.m. in 1969.

We will soon have to start looking for a new water supply if it continues to increase.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY W. CLEVELAND
Superintendent

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

A new Block was ready for burials in South Cemetery this year.

The regular work was carried on as usual in all Cemeteries.

Number of Burials	71
Number of Foundations	52
Sunken graves filled	215

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE J. LAUGHTON
JOHN W. BLACKMER
E. AUSTIN TACY, JR.
Cemetery Commissioners

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Last October we were saddened by the death of veteran member of our Board, Mr. Leslie H. Laughton. He had served as a member for 37 years and always had the best interests of the Department and the Town of Orange in mind.

Be it Resolved, that the Town of Orange has lost a very devoted citizen, and be it further Resolved, that we, the Cemetery Commissioners, extend to the family of Leslie H. Laughton our deepest and most sincere sympathy.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
by: John W. Blackmer
Sec. Pro Tem

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On Wednesday, January 29, 1969 a committee was appointed to look into possibilities of a new ambulance and report to the next regular town meeting, which was March 10, 1969. The town voted to purchase a new ambulance and voted \$15,000. Specifications were drawn up and there were ten bidders. After screening these bids, the committee came up with recommendations to purchase a Cadillac Ambulance from Parks Superior Sales, Inc. with some additional equipment which came to \$15,000. We then got in contact with Mr. Arthur J. Keenan, Federal Highway Safety Program and with his help and information, we were able to save the Town \$7,500.

In other words the new ambulance cost the town \$7,500.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. MacKnight
Kenneth E. Smith
William B. Piper
Dr. Robert G. Knight
Geraldine Wannberg
Ambulance Committee

REPORT OF
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

With the assistance of our State Inspector of Standards, I have tested and sealed the following:

- 2 sets of scales over 10,000 lbs.
- 1 set of scales 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.
- 3 sets of scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.
- 16 sets of computing scales 100 lbs. and less
- 7 sets of scales 10 lbs. and less
- 4 sets of scales were condemned
- 33 gas pumps - 13 of these were adjusted
- 7 oil pumps
- 8 fuel oil trucks. 1 of these was adjusted

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER
Sealer of Weights and
Measures



Annual Report

of the

School Department



Report of the
School Committee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Clifford J. Fournier CHAIRMAN 64 Whitney St.	Term expires 1971
Mrs. Janet W. Knight VICE-CHAIRMAN 142 South Main St.	Term expires 1970
Mrs. Geraldine B. Augustine 150 Holtshire Rd.	Term expires 1970
Mr. Richard O. Chaisson 235 West River St.	Term expires 1971
Mrs. Jean K. Chase 332 North Main St.	Term expires 1972
Mrs. Marilyn Spooner 56 Dewey Conrad Ave.	Term expires 1972

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Superintendent's Office

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Walter J. Fields

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SECRETARY TO SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Norma E. Ball

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

At a meeting of the Orange School Committee held on January 19, 1970 it was voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools and adopt it as the report of the school committee.

Clifford J. Fournier, Chairman
Janet W. Knight, Vice-Chairman
Geraldine B. Augustine, Secretary
Richard O. Chaisson
Jean K. Chase
Marilyn J. Spooner

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the Orange School Committee:

I submit herewith my tenth annual report as Superintendent of the Orange Public Elementary Schools.

In a long series of moves during the past year designed to improve the elementary schools in areas of administration, instruction and maintenance of the school plant, the Orange School Committee has charted a new course that will lead to the solution of many problems that have beset the system for some time.

A compilation of these actions in this report will demonstrate to Orange citizens the intelligent approach that the School Committee has taken to supply both teachers and pupils. Orange children will be assured a continued staff of good teachers and additional specialists and administrators ready to initiate educational improvement to meet the needs of the next decade.

Some of the following changes are already in effect or have been provided in the 1970 budget:

1. Kindergarten classes will be added in September.
2. The age of entrance to the first grade was raised from 6 years on or before December 1 to age 6 on or before September 1. The kindergarten entrance age will be 5 years on or before September 1. The chance of a child being more ready to receive instruction was a major factor in this decision.
3. The services of a half-time Art Supervisor have been increased to full-time.
4. The position of Physical Education Supervisor will be extended to full-time in 1970. Presently the teacher is in the schools only 2 days each week.
5. A new salary guide for teachers was negotiated increasing the minimum and maximum salaries for teachers with the Bachelor's Degree from the present \$5900-\$7900 to \$6200-\$9000 in January, 1970 and \$6500-\$9500 in September, 1970. Those holding Master's Degrees receive an additional \$400 per year. Annual increments will reach \$300 from the present \$200 in September, 1970.

6. A full-time Certified School Psychologist will be added to the staff in September, 1970.
7. The post of Supervising Principal has been created for the combined Dexter Park and Gale Brooks Schools effective September, 1970.
8. In March of this year Ralph Hayward was hired as head of maintenance of buildings and grounds in the system.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

A total of \$17,856.07 was secured in Federal Grants and expended in projects in the elementary schools.

Title I-ESEA-P. L. 89-10-\$16,018.00-Director Lois Waldeck conducted the summer program in a format similar to that of 1968 as previously reported. She was assisted by teachers Marjorie Chevalier, Bessie Desseau, Alice and David Edgecomb, Catherine Haskins, Marjorie Lucier and Jerome Rogers. Paul Robichaud, Mary Rossi and Cynthia Savage of Petersham, an Otterbein College student, served as teachers' aides. Barbara Spadaford was school nurse. Additional service was performed by clerical, custodial and food personnel.

Title II-ESEA-P.L. 89-10-\$623.32-School Library Materials-The amount received under this title was halved by the Federal government this year. By purchasing large quantities of paperbacks, however, we were able to acquire 573 volumes for distribution to classrooms bringing a grand total of 2069 volumes obtained under this title since its inception.

Title III-NDEA (Reading)-\$488.25-2 tape recorders, 3 prepared instructional tapes and 2 listening stations with headsets for 8 pupils each were purchased.

Title III-NDEA (Arts and Humanities-\$721.50-10 new record players especially built for school use were added to those already in the schools. The addition of 4 more purchased with reimbursed funds brings us up to state standards of 1 player for every 2 rooms in the system.

Federal School Lunch Program-A total of 99,200 hot lunches were served during the past year, 2,000 less than the year before due largely to a slight decrease in enrollment. Needy children received 2,896 free meals. The September 1 opening balance has slid to \$4,453, an indicator that should not be overlooked in maintaining a healthy financial condition which, at this time of year should be

near \$5,700. We are closely following the guidelines of the Massachusetts Department of Education, Office of School Lunch Programs, in seeking our needy families to receive free lunches. Mrs. Louise Egan, School Nurse is in charge of this phase of the program.

TESTING PROGRAM

The Science Research Associates Achievement Test administered to grade 6 in September, produced results in Reading and Arithmetic and all other subjects tested, but one, from 1 to 6 months above grade level. Growth records of this grade in all cases was satisfactory. As a check-up on this program, an additional test, The Gates-Mac-Ginitie Reading Test, was administered showing a record of grade 6-4 months in attainment level. These results, when compared with the ability quotient of the grade, were considered satisfactory. From a standardized reading test given grades 1, 2 and 3 in June in Word Recognition and Comprehension, scores were derived revealing above average achievement on the part of 58 to 71 per cent of the pupils. Arithmetic scores from a non-standardized test indicated that, in certain classes, more effort needs to be extended to achieve satisfactory results.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Teachers-Credentials have been filed indicating completion of the following courses at the college level:

School Personnel Administration	
Counseling Procedures	
Abnormal Psychology	
Administration & Organization of the Science of Library Reference & Bibliography	
Oral Communications	
School Personnel Administration	
Art	

Twelve teachers enrolled in courses related to elementary teaching in September.

School Secretaries' Conference - Annual conferences and workshops called by the Massachusetts Department of Education to consider significant professional problems faced by secretarial personnel are regularly attended by Mrs. Norma Ball of my office.

In the 1969 conference, Dr. James Baker, Associate Commissioner of Education accented the increase in scope and responsibility of the school secretary with the increasing need for the smooth and rapid interchange of information between the Federal, State and local

school systems and the maintenance of sound financial, staff and pupil personnel accounting in the offices of the superintendent of schools.

STAFF CHANGES

RETIREMENTS-Ruth Davis, Butterfield, grade 5
Helen Hunt, Butterfield, grade 3

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Twenty-six pupils were tested on an individual basis by the school psychologist.

Presently in Special Class & retested as required by law	11
Assigned to Special Class in Orange	5
Assigned to Trainable Class in Athol	2
Referred to Head Start program	1
Referred to Nursery School, Greenfield	1
No change in placement	6

In the field of Special Education the proposed Minimum Curriculum Standards for the State of Massachusetts will require classes to be provided for those who are Trainable, Emotionally Disturbed and Perceptually Handicapped. These are already legal requirements under the General Laws Relating to Education.

Some pupil personnel services have been performed by the Franklin County Supplementary Education in Greenfield. Where aid was requested in serious cases during the year some pupils were given 8 hours of testing in the areas of intelligence, emotional adjustment, developmental reading and perceptual handicaps. Those requiring a lesser amount of diagnostic work were able to profit from home visits with parents and consultation with teachers by an official of the Center. In several cases parents were able to profit by conferences at the Center in that they needed to have a place to discuss the advisability of having their children attend residential treatment centers and/or undertake regular programs of psychotherapy.

A very successful in-service program for teachers and an evening program for parents was conducted in October. The matter considered in these meetings was Dyslexia (defective reading).

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

Butterfield-Painting auditorium, 1 classroom, teachers' room, girls'

toilet and other basement areas

Installation of safety glass completed

Constructed 3 new toilets in the girls' room, second floor, removing and reinstalling 2 lavatories in the process

Replacement of the old stage curtain with a new one in the auditorium

Erected an enclosure over the ramp leading to the kitchen for protection from ice and cold

Dexter Park—All halls, principal's and nurse's offices, teachers' room and boys' and girls' toilet rooms were painted

A new convection oven with a capacity 5 times greater than the old one was installed

A new electric service for the building to care for present and future electrical requirements

Thorough cleaning of oil storage tank to remove sludge

Direction of tank vent pipe system altered

Gas tank pipes replaced

EDUCATIONAL CHANGE

The passing of mass education to the restructuring of our present system to service all educable individuals as individuals has been an extremely slow process still very far from being attained. While industry can manufacture a wide range of products for every human taste and need, many schools have not yet modified their curricula, methods and equipment to the tastes and needs of our young people. Shrouded in educational tradition is the use of the same textbooks, repeating a lesson learned from the teacher, group "showing" of 16 mm films, following time schedules and many other practices associated with mass instruction.

Certainly this is not the most economical method of getting the job done and will continue into the foreseeable future, but the more we learn to consider each child as an individual and teachers as professional educators, we shall witness the elimination of classrooms, grades and other paraphernalia of the 19th century.

In very recent years the trend has become evident in the new multi-media means of instruction and learning other than the common textbook. Some examples are the use of more than one of the following: correlated books and records for reading and listening, super 8 silent film loops and sound console projectors using cartridge films for self-tutoring, tachistoscopic training to enhance reading ability, card readers for self-directed language learning, speech training, olfactory, tactile and testing experiences, slides, study prints, realia, cassettes and players, transparencies, video equipment, individual study carrels, listening centers and computerized instruction. Most of these are light, portable and very much child centered and operated for his individualized learning within the scope of the teacher's prepared plans.

While I have emphasized the technological aids, a few of which are in regular use in the elementary schools, multi-experiences, very real to children, are directed toward individualized instruction. Examples include programmed reading, team learning, remedial reading aids, using transparencies to teach handwriting, teacher-made tapes and slides created from photographing pictures in books in social studies, science and art; mathematics tapes, transparencies and SRA math kits. Other aides include science experiments and reports based on child's own interests, discussion of TV programs, incorporation of 4-H, American Humane Society, Massachusetts Conservation and Audubon materials, pupil-to-pupil tutoring, supplementary individual progress reading kits, co-basal Lippincott readers and cooperative teaching in reading to permit 6 reading groups in a grade thus permitting remedial work where needed.

By no means are all these experiences new to our classrooms, but are being used more extensively. Several plans, in use 50 years ago, have stood the test of time and are still in current use. Advanced educational technology is responsible for more rapid development of the concept of individualized learning.

I wish to thank the 65 full and part-time members of the elementary school staff who have worked together to complete another successful year, the Orange School Committee who have met in regular meetings and responded to calls for special meetings with full attendance and Mrs. Norma Ball whose assistance has been invaluable in the daily operations of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. FIELDS, Superintendent
Orange Elementary Schools

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To: Walter J. Fields, Superintendent of Schools

The 1969 school year has indeed been a busy and fruitful musical year. Many of the innovations started over the past two years have blossomed as evidenced by the enthusiasm and interest shown by the children and parents of the town of Orange.

Vocally, a solid musical foundation based on understanding now exists so that a program of music appreciation and enrichment can be enlarged. This program is greatly aided by two sets of newly purchased melody bells and, due to a Title III grant, record players in every two classrooms. The interest of the students is evidenced by the fact that over 200 fifth and sixth graders attended a concert by the Springfield Symphony.

Now that the recorders have become an established portion of the third grade music program it has become evident that the aims and objectives of the recorder program are certainly being fulfilled. The pupils who have completed the program demonstrate a strong background in reading music and have a working vocabulary of musical terms. Perhaps the most significant outgrowth of the recorders has been to awaken an interest in playing a musical instrument. Many students purchased their recorders while others as fourth graders decided to play a band instrument.

The Orange Elementary Band has continually grown over the past two years. Band members now number 119 strong. Not only has the size of the band increased but also due to a more balanced instrumentation the quality of sound is remarkable for an elementary band. For the first time in many years the elementary band proudly wore new uniforms in their public performances. Much appreciation and thanks is extended to the band mothers for their active interest and talent in the sewing of these uniforms!

It is my wish for the new year that these fine youngsters of Orange maintain their high level of interest in music and continue to develop their abundant talent.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS WALDECK
Music Supervisor

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To: Walter J. Fields, Superintendent of Schools

The 1969-70 school year has brought about a distinct change in the art program of the Orange Elementary Schools. There has been a full-time art teacher visiting each of the 33 classes once a week for the first time this year. This is enriching for the students inasmuch as art is one of the few subjects in a school curriculum that gives each child a chance to express himself creatively as an individual.

This year I have tried to introduce what I consider the basics of art. These include the principles of design, line, shape, pattern, texture, color and proportion; the human figure, its proportions and how it moves and functions; basic free hand lettering; perspective; structural and three-dimensional design and many crafts projects.

Some of the media used include crayon, pastels, chalk, water-color paint, tempera paint, India ink, construction paper, tissue paper, crepe paper, papier mache, clay, yarn and string, fabric and many others. I have employed new methods of using old materials as well as completely new media and ideas. I feel that this has been a successful venture.

Art is an integral part of any school curriculum and as such I have worked closely with the music department on the Christmas program and have, in many instances, correlated the art program with various studies in the different classrooms. I am also working with a civic group that is planning a summer art festival of student work. The art department is also planning future exhibitions and associations with the teachers of the four schools.

Throughout the school year various student displays have been exhibited in the different schools; chiefly in the cafeteria of the Butterfield and Dexter Park Schools.

In conclusion, I feel that the students have gained great rewards from this expanded art program. They have found a new confidence in their own creative abilities and have learned to be more discerning and critical of their world through art.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHEA B. SOUZA
Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

To: Walter J. Fields, Superintendent of Schools

The Physical Education program of the four elementary schools in Orange is progressing with success and great enthusiasm on the part of the students.

At the present time I am following the schedule of my predecessor, which allows me to see the students on the average of once every two weeks. However next year with the full-time Physical Education Supervisor, students should be able to meet once a week. This added time will improve the variety of activities and performances of the students. It has greatly increased my hopes for a fully adequate program.

In the program so far this year, I've tried to provide games for vigorous big-muscle activity, achievement and understanding of game skills and develop qualities such as; fairness, co-operation, friendliness, and acceptance of rules.

I've broken down my program in this manner. The games suitable for children in the first and second grades are vigorous physical activity with simple rules and formations. These games help develop coordination and skills in running, jumping, dodging, starting and stopping.

Children in the third and fourth grades play more vigorous games with more complicated skills. Their neuro-muscular coordination allows them to play games which involve striking and hitting of a ball.

The fifth and sixth graders have the skills and knowledge to play complicated games such as soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY W. MASON
Physical Education Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To: Walter J. Fields, Superintendent of Schools

All of the pupils in the first, third and fifth grades were given a general physical examination during the year 1969. The special class pupils were also given this general physical examination and pupils who are new to the special classes are given a more complete examination and evaluation before being placed in that class. These were also done as usual this year. The examinations were done at Butterfield School for the pupils there and in Cheney Street School. The pupils at Dexter Park School and at Gale Brooks School in North Orange were examined in their respective schools.

As in previous years any defects found were recorded and were reported to the parents who were also advised that further examinations and necessary treatment should be instituted by their own family physician. The over all health of the children seems to be good and there were very few new serious defects found. Most of the defects and abnormal conditions were already known to the parents and under treatment. There was a continued and noticeable improvement in the dental condition of the pupils, part of which may be due to more extensive care rendered under the medicaid program.

The examination of children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen from the Town of Orange who desire it for the issuance of working certificates was continued this year. This is done by the school physician without charge for residents of the Town of Orange, if requested within a reasonable time before the certificate is to be obtained and this practice will be continued for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. FRANK B. SAUTER

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To: Walter J. Fields, Superintendent of Schools

Many services have broadened this year. There is better coordination between the Elementary Health Services and Head Start Program, with consultation between the two nurses, and the resolving of many problems as the result. An improved relationship with our secondary school has also come about and problems can easily be discussed.

The purchase of a Titmus eye examination machine has speeded the process of testing leaving much valuable time for more adequate follow up.

Coordinating the testing program for the school Psychologist, getting necessary information when home visits are made, getting health examination completed as well as the State SPED forms has been an important part of the school year.

A meeting on the Mental Health Center, now available in Athol to our area, was attended and much valuable information obtained. Attendance at numerous other classes on sex education, drug abuse and general school health procedures were most informative.

Various surveys were conducted to obtain certain needs in areas of health. Although health instruction is given in many aspects, much more can be accomplished. Health instruction is important as demonstrated at the Open House display, by the various clinics held in school, by the importance of a negative tuberculosis test of all personnel, and the most susceptible age groups.

It is very encouraging to note that the dental caries referrals were so low this year. It makes one feel the three years spent on this project accomplished its goal.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE EGAN, R. N.
School Nurse

ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

STATISTICAL REPORT

Physical Examination (Grades 1-3-5-Spec.)

No. examined by school physician	377
No. defects found	26
Dental Caries	21
Heart Murmurs	3
Ears	2

No. examined by family physician 22

Eye Examination (all students)

No. of referrals 22

Ear Examinations (all students)

No. of referrals 6

Mantoux Tests (grades 1-4)

No. of tests done 139

Mumps Vaccine (all students) 206

Butterfield	97
Cheney	27
Dexter Park	57
Gale Brooks	25

CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1969-1970

In-service day for teachers	September 2, 1969		
Fall term begins	September 3, 1969		
Fall term ends	December 23, 1969	17 weeks	75 days
Winter term begins	January 5, 1970		
Winter term ends	February 13, 1970	7 weeks	30 days
Spring term begins	February 23, 1970		
Spring term ends	April 17, 1970	8 weeks	39 days
Final term begins	April 27, 1970		
Final term ends	June 19, 1970	8 weeks	39 days
		40 weeks	183 days

Schools will be closed:

October 13	Columbus Day
October 27	Teachers' Convention
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 26, (at noon) 27, 28	Thanksgiving Recess
December 23 (at end of day)-January 5	Christmas Vacation
February 16-20	Winter Vacation
March 27	Good Friday
April 20-24	Spring Vacation
May 25	Memorial Day
June 19	Last day of school

The school year is 180 days.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE-October 1, 1969

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals
1	18	100	15	1									134
2		13	102	17	1								133
3			14	103	15	4							136
4				6	89	17	2						114
5					20	98	16	3					137
6						11	105	8	4				128
Special				3	5	2	2	5	2	3			22
Total	18	113	134	132	127	132	128	13	7				804

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

DAY STUDENT ENROLLMENT-October 1, 1969

Greenfield		14
North Adams		1
Northampton	.	26
Worcester		2
Total		43

NIGHT STUDENTS

Worcester	1
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EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS

Athol	15
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SPECIAL EDUCATION DATA

	Orange Students	Tuition Students
Dexter Park-Primary Educable	10	0
Butterfield-Intermediate Educable	9	3
Total	19	3

Attending Elsewhere

Athol-Trainable	5
Erving-Elementary Educable	4
Greenfield-Nursery	1
Rutland-Rehabilitation	2
Total	12

Provisions for 50% reimbursement for tuition (where required) and transportation are made under Chapters 69 and 70 of the General Laws.

STAFF DIRECTORY

ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Teachers and Degrees

Grade Where Educated

Year Appointed

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Walter J. Fields, B.A., B.S. ED.,
M. ED.

Mr. Walter J. Fields, B.A., B.S. ED.,
Supt.

1960

BUTTERFIELD SCHOOL

Mr. Robert Gaudet, B. S. Ed., M. Ed.

Mrs. Luella Whitehouse

Mrs. Marlene Merzbach, B. A.

Miss Mary Armata, B. S. Ed.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Oddy, B. S. Ed.

Mrs. Bessie Davis, B. S., M. A.

Miss Catherine Haskins, B. S. Ed.

Mr. Jerome Rogers, B.S., M. Ed.

Mrs. Mildred Edminster, B. S.

Mrs. Rhoda Graves, B. S. Ed., M. Ed.

Mrs. Evelyn Merrifield, B.A., M.A.

Mrs. Mary Zak

Mrs. Bessie Desseau, B.S. Ed.

Mrs. Carmel Hastings, B.A., M.S.

Mr. Frank Scalq, B.A.

Mr. Robert O'Brien, B.A.

Mrs. Anne Witty, B.A.

Fitchburg State College

Keene Teachers College

University of Massachusetts

North Adams State College

Fitchburg State College

Southwest Texas State Tchrs. College

State College at Worcester

Ithaca College-Keene State College

University of Maine

North Adams State College

Tufts University-Radcliffe College

Fitchburg State College

Fitchburg State College

Smith College-University of Rochester

University of Massachusetts

Merrimack College

Bates College

1948

1949

1969

1969

1955

1946

1968

1968

1966

1959

1960

1953

1966

1960

1969

1962

1961

Mrs. Ruth Songer

1947
Special
Fitchburg State College

CHENEY SCHOOL

Mrs. Nellie Baltren	1	Westfield State College	1955
Mrs. Linda Raymond, B.A.	1	University of Massachusetts	1969
Miss Mary Rossi, B.S. Ed.	1	Worcester State College	1969
Mrs. Elizabeth Frazzin, B.A.	2	University of Massachusetts	1969

DEXTER PARK SCHOOL

Mr. Henry Marcoux, B.S. Ed., M. Ed.	Principal & 4	Westfield State College	1969
Mrs. Elizabeth Hough, B.S. Ed.	1	Fitchburg State College	1964
Mrs. Joan Lee, B.S.	1	University of Wisconsin	1968
Mrs. Mary Beckler, B.S.	2	University of Rhode Island	1969
Mrs. Barbara Kenney	2	Bridgewater State College	1948
Mrs. Mary Burrill, B.S. Ed.	2	Framingham State College	1951
Miss Marguerite Goulet, B.S. Ed., M.Ed.	3	Fitchburg State College	1962
Mrs. Mary Crowl	3	Fitchburg State College	1946
Mrs. Margaret Tandy, A.B.	4	Middlebury College	1965

GALE BROOKS SCHOOL

Mrs. Marjorie Lucier, B.S. Ed.	1	Keene State College	1964
Miss Elizabeth Bickford, B.S. Ed.	2 & 3	North Adams State College	1960
Mr. Louis Paradise, B. S. Ed.	3 & 4	Fitchburg State College	1969

SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Dorothea Souza, B. S. Ed.	Art	Massachusetts College of Art	1969
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Mr. Gary Mason, B.S.
Mrs. Lorraine Waldeck, B. S.

Physical
Education
Music

Northern Michigan University
1969
University of Connecticut
1967

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
 RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL
 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Year Ending December 31, 1969

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

		Term Expires
Jean Chase	Orange	1970
Claudia Istel	Orange	1971
Clifford Fournier	Orange	1970
Warren Lovejoy	Orange	1970
Henry Maroni	Orange	1972
Bradford Mackey	Orange	1972
Thomas Harty	Orange	1971
Clement Durna	Erving	1970
Joyce Mathieu	Erving	1971
Harold Reed	Erving	1970
John Van Alstyne	Petersham	1970
Richard Paul	Petersham	1972
Michael Jewett	New Salem	1970
Louis Lupien	Wendell	1970
Kermit W. Cook, Superintendent of District		
Joseph T. Barry, Treasurer		
Kermit W. Cook, Secretary to Mahar School District Committee		
June P. Venette, Secretary to Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer		

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AT A MEETING OF THE MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 20, 1970, IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ADOPT IT AS THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND VOTERS OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, I HEREWITNESSUBMIT MY ANNUAL REPORT AS YOUR SUPERINTENDENT.

The Mahar Regional School Committee held eleven regular meetings, five budget meetings, and three special meetings during 1969. The busy schedule of the Committee also included sub-committees on the important issues of teacher contract negotiations, purchasing and finance, and school district reorganization.

Mr. George Kenney of Petersham concluded twelve years of service and was accorded a testimonial dinner in recognition of his long service to the District. Committee members are also to be commended for their attendance at the National Convention of School Administrators in Atlantic City and the State Meeting of School Committees in Harwich.

FINANCE

As in 1968, the problem of rising costs in all categories made it difficult to remain inside budget estimates. Transportation contracts were rebid at a 15% increase in cost. Interest on short-term borrowing increased sharply as well as insurance coverage in nearly all areas. The Committee also acted to further protect the building by installing additional exterior lighting and new exterior door locks.

A planned maintenance and replacement program was continued. Interior painting, replacement of steam traps, reglazing windows, installation of needed stage lights in the auditorium and replacement of equipment in the cafeteria kitchen were major items completed during the year. In the area of educational equipment replacement, a new biology laboratory was purchased and installed under a Title III Federal project (50% reimbursed). Two lathes were replaced in the metal shop. Band instruments were replaced in the music department, as were athletic uniforms in the athletic department.

The usual maintenance program was carried out in all departments. The school library furniture has now been refinished. Maintenance work on floors, cleaning of walls, and repair of desks and chairs was

carried out by our excellent custodial personnel.

The 1970 Budget shows an increase of approximately 10% over 1969. The Gross Budget is \$1,152,097 up from \$1,020,214. The Net Budget, the amount assessed to the five member towns, was set at \$956,294, an increase of \$102,783 over 1969. The instruction account, up \$86,492 was the largest single increase.

It is expected, due to legislation enacted in 1969, that full funding of the state-aid formula in 1970 will greatly assist the member towns in meeting these additional costs.

PERSONNEL

The Mahar Committee in October signed a negotiated contract with the Mahar Teachers' Association. Revised were the basic salary schedule and the co-curricular salary schedule. The teacher salary schedule, effective in September, 1970 is as follows:

Bachelor's Degree	\$6500-\$10,320
Master's Degree	\$6975-\$11,105
Master's Degree plus 30 hours	\$7450-\$11,890

The Committee and the Mahar Teachers' Association are to be commended for the professional way in which they negotiated the issues. Looking ahead, it should be noted that there is increased pressure at the state level to raise the salary level by enactment of laws in the General Court. It is the stand of the Mahar Committee that the process of negotiations at the local level be continued.

The 1970 Budget reflects the need to continue adding both professional and non-teaching personnel to the school staff. General aides, approved in 1969, were continued. Two clerk-typists were added in the guidance and instructional materials areas, and a para-professional position added in the girls physical education department. The following faculty additions were approved effective in September.

1. Reading teacher
2. English teacher
3. Physical Education (boys) .4 to .8
4. Music teacher .4 to full time
5. Pupil services Counselor

The need to establish wage and salary schedules becomes an issue

as an increasing number of varied positions are established in the school. During the year, the Committee, following the recommendation of the Finance sub-committee, made adjustments to the custodial salaries and voted a wage and salary schedule for all non-teaching personnel providing for several levels of competency and responsibility.

Mr. James Stevenson, Vice Principal, resigned in September to take a principalship out of state. As a replacement the District secured Mr. Thomas Talbot. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Manhattan College and has had twenty-five years of experience in parochial schools as a teacher and principal. Mr. Talbot's experience has made it possible for him to quickly adapt to his many duties here in our system.

LOOKING AHEAD

The problems facing the Mahar Regional District are not unique. They fall into the usual areas of school district reorganization, building needs, curriculum expansion, and school evaluation. The Mahar Committee is presently completing work on a revised Regional Agreement to include grades K-12 as was requested by the Regional School District Planning Committees of the member towns. One sub-committee is preparing the legal details of the changes necessary, while another is preparing a statement outlining the educational benefits to be realized under such a plan. Meetings are to be scheduled in the five towns to further explain the K-12 reorganization prior to requesting town meeting action in 1970. In accord with this project, the District in compliance with regulations of the State Department of Education, has filed a plan on meeting the minimum requirements of an adequate school district.

Building needs are tied closely to curriculum requirements. Mahar is operating at 100% capacity with a growing school population predicted. Also facing the District is the need to enlarge the course offerings to meet curriculum requirements to be made mandatory under the new Minimum Curriculum Standards of the Department of Education. Provisions for more instruction in health and physical education, an additional foreign language, remedial reading instruction and classes in special education are needed. New statutes require classes for emotionally handicapped, physically handicapped and perceptually handicapped pupils.

In addition each school district is required to implement a plan in vocational education. These requirements will call for a considerable increase in building facilities. The Mahar Committee has debated

the advisability of adding additional temporary rooms to the school plant with no final action taken to date. Also, the Mahar Committee is considering, with the Athol-Royalston Regional Committee, the feasibility of constructing a vocational complex for five trades. Plans and cost estimates have been projected by the Department of Education.

All building plans are expensive, and state aid is a must if any plans are to move ahead. The Department of Education in 1970 is sponsoring legislation to provide 75% state aid for school construction for K-12 regional districts. This legislation will need and deserve strong public support from our area.

As Superintendent, I strongly recommend the development of a vocational program as a wise educational investment. At present, at least 40% of our students are in a general program which cannot provide them with necessary vocational and technical skills needed in making our area one with an adequately trained labor market.

SCHOOL EVALUATION-1970

The Mahar Regional School in November will be experiencing its Ten Year Evaluation, a most appropriate responsibility as we enter a new decade. The School Committee, administration and staff must address themselves to a realistic appraisal of the quality and comprehensiveness of our present school program and its rating with other school districts throughout New England. The evaluation will be conducted by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the regional accrediting agency. A self evaluation will be conducted by the school staff during 1970. The Committee has cooperated by granting released time for needed curriculum work and the completion of the School Evaluation Criteria summaries. Of particular importance is a review of the philosophy and objectives of the school. In November a visiting committee of 25-30 people from throughout New England will spend 3 days evaluating the school. A Report will be issued listing commendations and recommendations.

In the interest of economy, the Mahar Committee has deleted from this Annual Report the various summaries of the school staff. This material will be made available to any citizen upon request to the Superintendent.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks to the Mahar Regional School Committee and my co-workers who have provided dedicated service and cooperation to the School Department and me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit W. Cook
Superintendent

RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

January 1--December 31, 1969

As the decade of the sixties now becomes history, and, in summary, we evaluate the past year, one thing is absolutely clear--education is undoubtedly the most important factor in the future of American society. Every problem which currently confronts us, whether it is student unrest, inflation, medical insurance, the Vietnam war or racial issues, can be corrected only by understanding, achieved through education.

The Mahar School District is no exception. The educational program which we provide must be a quality program, relevant in every respect to the unique needs of the students we serve, and equal to the outstanding educational systems in other communities and districts of the state. This is the challenge of the seventies.

Included in the philosophy of the Mahar Regional School is the inescapable realization that the individual needs of each student have to be considered, whether academic, social, or economic, or a combination of all three. The entire school staff is dedicated to the recognition of student needs and the development of courses, activities and experiences to fulfill these needs.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The academic curriculum stresses balance and differentiation in the area of course offerings. In order to be truly comprehensive, the instructional program must contain as wide a variety of practical subjects as possible, with a majority of them presented to different ability groups through the use of materials containing different degrees of difficulty. Otherwise we would not be giving proper consideration to individual differences.

The program of studies has come under close scrutiny during the year as staff members have worked diligently to detect areas of weakness in it. Modifications and adjustments have been made wherever necessary and constant study by the faculty has been applied to the maintenance of an instructional program which is up-to-date and in keeping with innovative practices. It should be understood, however, that educational innovations cannot be instantly effected without planning, organization and preparation and the assurance

that they are applicable to the needs of our students.

Some of the factors which must constantly be considered when contemplating the adoption of new practices and programs are the adaptability of the physical plant, the availability of specially trained teachers, the readiness of the students to be involved in numbers large enough to warrant successful pursuance of the new development and overall cost.

A few of the theories and curriculum practices now being employed quite generally and in effect in this school are:

The conceptual approach-rather than the factual.

The inquiring, investigative approach-rather than knowing the results first.

Laboratory orientation of science courses.

Use of case studies-to develop analytical thinking.

Some other programs which should receive immediate attention are:

Environmental Studies-in order to bring about the full impact of the importance of population, pollution (both air and water), food, conservation of resources and social and economic problems of society, all of which must be dealt with in order to guarantee survival in the 21st Century.

Comprehensive Vocational-Technical Program (and Facility)-in order to provide more relevant training for many of our students. Preparation for the life of work, service and production each of which emphasizes skills, must be recognized as part of a plan of equality which should be maintained. Vocational-Technical Education programs can provide many kinds of jobs and careers. They adequately replace the academic curriculum which cannot fulfill the needs of so many of our young people. The demand today is for workers with technical skills, technicians instead of engineers. Social status and inadequate financial return do no longer present a problem for Vocational-Technical graduates.

Work-Study Program-a program of work-study in cooperation with industry and business should be considered. This not only offers job experience frequently related to the student's course being taken in school but also improves the financial

condition of some students which in turn contributes significantly as an incentive for them to be more successful in their school work.

Expanded Program of Health and Physical Education -recommended health and physical education courses require a considerably broader experience than that now being offered. Comprehensive health instruction in its many aspects should be included as soon as possible, if a program of equality is to be maintained. Additional gymnasium space containing supporting locker rooms and class rooms for related activities should also be provided. Students should be receiving their physical education instruction in their own age and developmental groups if adequate progress is to be attained.

Provision for Educational Media Facilities-the Instructional Materials Center has been expanded each year to the extent that, in order to accommodate any further growth, a larger facility is necessary. At the present time the Instructional Materials Center is essentially teacher oriented and, as such, provides a variety of supplementary materials for faculty members in support of almost any class presentation. However, in order to provide for student needs, a student oriented Educational Media Center is now required. This facility would contain an assortment of electronic learning devices which include the entire line of audio-visual equipment and materials. It would make it possible to introduce independent study, the most progressive of all approaches, for those students who could function under this philosophy of learning. Libraries cannot be used for this purpose, primarily because they are about one-fourth as large as they should be. In addition, Educational Media Centers are not intended to replace the libraries in our schools.

EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

An extensive extra and co-curricular program is available for all students in an effort to broaden the total educational experience through various activities, some of which are not entirely academic. Described below are the highlights of Mahar activities in 1969.

Mahaⁿ students distinguished themselves in several areas:

- I. National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test-five members of the present Senior Class were Commendation Winners. They were among a group of 39,000 other students in the nation who were recognized

for their outstanding performance.

2. Regional and State Science Fairs—seven students were among the winners at the Westfield Regional Science Fair for their outstanding project work. Three of these students subsequently participated in the State Science Fair sponsored by the Boston Globe and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

3. Western Massachusetts Music Educators All District Activities and All State Activities—eleven student musicians were selected to participate in the All-District Band, Orchestra and Chorus, and six of these students went on to be selected to participate in similar activities at the All State Level.

4. Inter-County Football League—The Mahar football team experienced another outstanding season, tying for the league championship. After losing the first game of the season the team was undefeated during the remainder of the league play. In addition, five members of the squad were elected to the All-League Team.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

Student Government activities are a most essential part of the educational development of all students. Each student experiences to some degree involvement in or service to some school government organization.

Each organization, class, or activity is organized and conducted in a Democratic manner following the patterns of government in our country. It is hoped that with each additional year of experience a group of students will have learned to handle their affairs in such a responsible manner that it can almost operate independently.

The basic organizations of student government are as follows:

1. Class Organizations—each of the six classes is formally organized with officers and sub-committees to direct activities subject to the approval of the Faculty Advisors.

2. Student Councils—there are two student councils in the school. Each class is represented on the appropriate council—Grades 10-11-12 included in the Senior High Council, Grades 7-8-9 included in the Junior High Council.

The aim and purpose of Student Councils is to provide leadership and direction in an organized manner for every area of student

activity in which it is possible for students to function. Open lines of communication are maintained between the Student Council Executive Committees and the Administration of the school. Formal monthly meetings are scheduled, but the opportunity of discussing any school problems is always possible at any time.

The Senior High Council is organized with several important sub-committees the responsibility of which is to direct student life in the areas indicated:

- Committee on Programs and Activities
- Committee on Student Assemblies
- Committee on Elections
- Committee on Building and Grounds
- Committee on Curriculum
- Committee on Dress and Appearance
- Committee on Student Problems
- Committee on Academic Assistance for Students
- Committee to Help Student with Attitude Problems

SCHOOL EVALUATION

This year the Mahar Regional School will be experiencing its Ten Year Evaluation, an educational responsibility which certainly appears to be most appropriate as we start a new decade. We now have the opportunity along with the mandate to establish the foundation for the educational plan appropriate to the society of the Seventies.

Since 1960 the Mahar Regional School has been a member of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the accrediting agency for the colleges and high schools of the New England Region. It is necessary for each member school to be re-evaluated in two years, in five years, and in ten years to determine whether or not it is still meeting the minimum standards required of all secondary school members and, perhaps more important, fulfilling the aims and objectives stated in its own educational philosophy.

This school was originally evaluated in 1960 and received immediate accreditation. The follow-up evaluations, the two year in 1962 and the five year in 1965 were reported according to policy and the school continued to receive full accreditation. It should be understood that visiting committees are not involved in two year and five year evaluations.

In November, 1970, a visiting committee of qualified teachers, administrators, and specialists appointed by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools will inspect, in detail, the entire educational program, including facilities, provided for the youth of the Mahar District.

It has long been recommended that the best procedure for evaluating a secondary school is to carry out a self-evaluation by the staff of the school in cooperation with the School Committee and other community agencies. This self-evaluation would then be checked by the visiting committee, referred to previously. In order to accomplish the self evaluation, it is necessary for a school to establish a plan of self study which would be carried out during much of the school year prior to the inspection by the visiting committee. The entire self evaluation process is an experience in professional growth for all concerned and because of the complexities of modern secondary school education, considerable time is needed for observation, deliberation, penetrating thought, and meaningful consideration.

To help implement this plan the National Study of Secondary School Evaluation has developed an evaluation instrument known as the Evaluation Criteria which is to be used as a basic structure to secure sound appraisals of school quality. In accordance with this pattern a plan for the Mahar Self Study has been prepared and since October 1969 work in the organizational phases which include committee study on School and Community and Philosophy and Objectives has been in progress. On December 15, 1969, the total self-study plan was started. The plan is designed to involve each staff member in the all important area of curriculum review and development to the greatest possible degree. Teachers are not only participating on committees in their own special fields of endeavor, but also are assigned, by their personal choices, to serve on one or more secondary committees not directly related to their specialities. Every staff member should contribute something to the ultimate improvement of the school curriculum. The method of approach to be employed in carrying out the review and development process is as follows:

1. Review and Understanding of the existing program
2. Determination of its strengths and weaknesses
3. Elimination of any part which can be continued if modified
4. Modification of any part which can be continued if modified
5. Study and selection of new practices and innovations which are appropriate and applicable to the needs of this school
6. Establishment of a plan of implementation for any changes recommended.

It should be clearly understood that schools which are quite different may be equally good. Each school should evaluate itself and should be evaluated by the visiting committee in terms of what it is striving to accomplish with relation to philosophy and objectives, and the extent to which it meets the needs of the students it is serving.

The Mahar School Program must fulfill the educational demands of several different groups or classes of students and this consequently requires a somewhat extensive differentiated curriculum. It is toward the establishment of a program of this type which is relevant to the needs of the individual students that the concerted efforts of the Mahar Regional School Staff are dedicated during this period of self evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

Noah I. Edminster, Jr.
Principal

RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT 1969

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURES

Balance January 1, 1969	130258.20	
Budget Assessments -Orange	563239.30	
Budget Assessments -Erving	130906.43	
Budget Assessments -Peterham	86122.12	
Budget Assessments -New Salem	51435.12	
Budget Assessments -Wendell	21808.01	
Commonwealth of Mass. School Lunch	13814.93	
Commonwealth of Mass. Construction	75803.17	
Commonwealth of Mass. Title III	475.04	
Commonwealth of Mass. Title V	489.50	
Commonwealth of Mass. Title II	977.00	
Commonwealth of Mass. Special Ed.	9383.50	
Commonwealth of Mass. Transportation	89476.00	
Commonwealth of Mass. Vocational Ed.	508.20	
Note Proceeds	325000.00	
Cafeteria Receipts	43026.45	
Athletic Receipts	7054.01	
Wood & Metal Shop Receipts	467.37	
Music Receipts	2720.72	
Library Fine	58.59	
Lost Books, Locks & Breakage	125.21	
		83713.29
		<u>Debt Service:</u>
		149

<u>Operational:</u>	<u>Operational:</u>
Administration	24878.41
Instruction	549137.20
Operation of Plant	69661.44
Other School Services	112306.82
Fixed Charges	38001.99
Fixed Assets (Equip.)	31215.23
	<u>825201.09</u>

<u>Revolving Accounts:</u>	<u>Revolving Accounts:</u>
School Lunch Program	58695.11
Athletics	1798.71
Music	3032.95
Title II	933.07
(Spec. Acct.) Vandalism	3053.45
	<u>83713.29</u>

150

Phone & other commissions	185.14	Short Term Notes	400000.00
Use of Facilities	25.00	Principal on Debt	130000.00
Evening School fees	306.00	Interest on Debt	38850.00
Ins. Settlement Vandalism	3171.47		<u>568850.00</u>
Miscellaneous Receipts	50.75		
Withholding Tax Federal	85359.07		
Withholding Tax State	15954.93		
Withholding Teachers Retirement	24586.32	Agencies:	
Withholding F. County Retirement	3811.78	Withholding Tax Federal	85359.07
Withholding Group Insurance	9220.28	Withholding Tax State	15404.26
Withholding Annuity Program	8214.16	Teacher Retirement	24586.32
Withholding Teachers' Dues	910.00	County Retirement	3811.78
	<u>1574685.57</u>	Group Insurance	9220.12
		Annuities	8214.16
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCE	1704943.77	Teachers' Dues	910.00
			<u>147505.71</u>

1627425.19

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Total Balance and Receipts for 1969	1,704,943.77
Less Expenditures for 1969	<u>1,627,425.19</u>
Balance December 31, 1969	77,518.58

Details of Balance:

Franklin County Trust Company	106,501.81
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>28,983.23</u>
	<u>77,518.58</u>

Joseph T. Barry, District Treasurer

Operational Budget	Request 1970	Appropriated 1969	Expended 1969
Administration	27356	25085	24878.41
Instruction	649923	563431	549137.20
Other School Services	12415	108686	112306.82
Athletics	11000	10930	10930.00
Operation & Maintenance	78886	75901	69661.44
Fixed Charges	42971	39969	38001.99
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	53596	27362	31215.23
	988147	851364	836131.09
Debt Service:			
Payment on Principal	130000	130000.00	
Interest	33950	38850	38850.00
GROSS BUDGET	1152097	1020214	1004981.09
Estimated Income:			
Commonwealth of Mass:			
Transportation	99869	85000	89476.00
Special Education	5500	4500	(2 yrs.) ---9383.50
School Construction	75803	75803	75803.17
Vocational Ed.	0	0	508.20
Shop & Crafts	600	600	467.37
Miscellaneous	600	800	444.69

Driver Ed. Simulator	13431	0	0
	195803	166703	176082.93
NET BUDGET	956294	853511	

ASSESSMENT BY TOWNS 1970

Town	Enrollment	Percent	Assessment	See Below	Amount Due
Erving	154	15.308	146,389.49	669.23*	145,720.26
New Salem	56	5.567	53,236.89	2102.20**	55,339.09
Orange	667	66.302	634,042.05	2898.41*	631,143.64
Petersham	99	9.841	94,108.89	430.16*	93,678.73
Wendell	30	2.982	28,516.68	1895.60**	30,412.28
	1006	100.000%	956,294.00		956,294.00

**Building construction back payment due Regional District.

*Building construction credit from New Salem and Wendell.

DIPLOMA LIST Class of 1968

Class Officers

Michael Patrick Roche, President
 Jeffrey Erali Dubay, Vice-President
 Caroline Julia Desrosiers, Secretary
 Mark William Harris, Treasurer

William Douglas Adams
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 Bradford Scott Amidon
 John Alfred Anderson
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 Jane Elizabeth Baltren
 Steven Barber
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 Alan Ralph Bolduc
 Steven Michael Bourbeau
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 1 Linda Carr
 2 Carin Cookman
 Sharon Lee Cummings
 Sunday Arlene Dempsey
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 Paul Dexter
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 2 Linda Sue Dirth
 Walter Michael Dombek
 Theresa Mary Dorsey
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 Sally Louise Frye
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Bartholomew Joseph Germond
 Jr.
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 1 Mark William Harris
 Anne Laurene Hastings
 2 Robert Theodore Henderson
 Eileen Mary Holston
 Jessica Avice Howe
 1 Sandra Marie Jardine
 Kyrre Charles Johnson
 Leon Douglas Johnson
 Chester Joseph Kabaniec Jr.,
 JoAnn Kavanaugh
 Joseph Edmund Kenney
 Dennis Alan Kimball
 Phyllis King
 Evelyn Marie Kolasinski
 Christine Ann Lamb
 Patricia Ann Lanagan
 Annette M. LaPointe
 Peter Lawrence
 3*Nancy Lee
 Kevin Wayne Litchfield
 1 Lynn Marie Littlewood
 David Brian Losius
 2 Bernadette Susan Lucas
 Lydia Lyesiuk
 3*Susan Ethel Lyman
 Diane Margaret MacDonald
 Michael David MacDonald
 Karen MacKnight
 Gary Arthur Miller
 Kathleen Maureen Mills
 1 Clayton Alan Morin

Thomas Albert Novack	Jacob A. Strunjo
Henry Ivar Olson, Jr.	Milton Ainsley Taylor
Debra Jean Peirce	3*Sydney Emery Taylor
Lynda Helen Perry	David McClellan Thompson
Laura Kathleen Plante	Hope Anne Thompson
Michael Frank Pocari	Howard William Thompson
Barbara Elizabeth Pos	Shelly Irene Thompson
Diane Lee Powling	Albert Upham
Michael Charles Prondecki	Dean Mark Vaillencourt
Clayton Francis Qualters	Paulette Ann Vaillencourt
Craig William Rice	Darlene Marie Vitello
I Susan Ann Rivers	Suanne Webber
Michael Patrick Roche	Candice Ann Welcome
Ralph Norman Rogers	2*Randall Wentworth
Melinda Jo Rossi	Mary Jane Whitney
Raymond Roland Roy	Sandra Jean Willard
I Debra Jean Sanborn	Kathleen Frances Winship
I Paisley Ann Schmick	Richard Arthur Winship Jr.
Deirdre Lee Smith	Denise Ann Woodbury
3*Pamela Ann Smith	Larry Bruce Woodbury
3*Pennie Jane Smith	Donna Louise Woodard
Rodney Thurlow Smith	I*Alan Joseph Yezierski
Romona Ann Smith	John Michael Zilinski
Chris Allen Soucie	David Joseph Zink
Ronald C. Stempel	

Number: Years in Senior National
Honor Society

* Top 10 of class

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of ORANGE, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said ORANGE, on Monday the Second day of March next; at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To choose by ballot the following officers: A moderator for one year; one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years, one Assessor for three years, one Treasurer for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, one member of the Board of Health for three years, two Trustees of Memorial Hall for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, two members of the Regional School Committee for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, one member of the Housing Authority for five years.

All of the above named officers are in accordance with the vote of the Town to be chosen on one ballot. For these purposes the pollswill be opened at 9:00 a.m. and will be closed at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 1970 in the Town Hall to act on the following articles:

Article 2: To see if the Town will receive any reports that may be presented, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to allow any accounts that may be presented or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Townwill vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970 and January 1, 1971, in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44; Section 4, and to renew any note or

notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, Section 41 of the General Laws, in connection with County Aid to Agriculture, to serve one year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to use, and for what purpose, the money received from the County known as the "Dog Fund", or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to pay the Tree Warden the sum of \$25.00 per year as salary and the further sum of \$2.00 per hour for all time that he shall expend in actual labor in connection with his department, which amount is included in the budget, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell or dispose of the property acquired by the Town through Treasurer's Deeds or tax titles foreclosed by Commissioner's Affidavit of land of low value, or by ~~foreclosure~~ through the Land Court, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws to be made effective from January 1, 1970, as contained in the budget, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing, or take any action in relation thereto.

1969 APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS AND 1970 BUDGET REQUESTS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation 1969</u>	<u>Additions & Transfers</u>	<u>Expended 1969</u>	<u>Requested 1970</u>	<u>Recommended 1970</u>
General Government:					
Town Officers' Bonds	\$ 675.00		\$ 630.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00
Selectmen's Salaries	1,900.00		1,900.00	3,000.00	2,550.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,500.00		1,470.05	1,500.00	1,500.00
General Office Salaries	6,000.00		5,051.95	5,400.00	5,400.00
General Office Expense	1,850.00		1,842.59	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Accountant's Salary	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Town Accountant's Expense	150.00		144.71	150.00	150.00
Treasurer's Salary	2,500.00		2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Treasurer's Expense	400.00		394.00	400.00	400.00
Foreclosure Expense	4,000.00		453.24	4,000.00	4,000.00
Collector's Salary	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Collector's Expense	1,000.00		918.78	1,000.00	1,000.00
Assessors' Salaries	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Assessors' Expense	940.00	90.25	1,030.25	940.00	940.00
Town Clerk's Salary	2,000.00	Transfer	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Town Clerk's Expense	455.00		455.00	455.00	455.00
Election and Registration	2,000.00		1,378.85	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Counsel	800.00		800.00	800.00	800.00
Finance Committee Expense	300.00		208.00	300.00	300.00

Planning Board Expense	1,500.00	1,135.95	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	7,000.00	6,840.11	7,000.00	7,000.00
Orange & Athol Industrial Dev . Dist.	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total General Government	\$52,870.00	\$ 90.25	\$47,022.08	\$56,020.00
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Dept. Wages	\$52,375.00	\$1,800.00 Trans.	\$54,169.99 230.00 Trans.	\$63,404.00 3,395.00 1,400.00
Police Dept. Expense	3,135.00	2,834.13	3,395.00	3,395.00
Police Dept. Uniforms	800.00	800.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Police Car	2,790.00	300.00	3,083.54	2,940.00
Ambulance	2,500.00	200.00	2,684.99	2,950.00
		Trans.	Trans.	Trans.
Fire Dept. Wages	34,326.00	34,086.80	37,563.00	37,563.00
Fire Dept. Expense	6,245.10	5,954.48	6,720.00	6,720.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,540.00	1,221.12	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	400.00	52.23	452.23	450.00
Moth Suppression	600.00	Trans.	600.00	600.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	3,000.00	558.14 Trans.	3,557.27 4,000.00	4,000.00
Tree Warden	2,500.00	2,499.98	3,000.00	3,000.00
Forest Fire Warden	2,000.00	1,745.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Electrical Inspector	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Total Protection of Persons & Prop.	<u>\$112,761.10</u>	<u>\$3,140.37</u>	<u>\$114,239.53</u>	<u>\$130,472.00</u>
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Health and Sanitation:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 300.00
Board of Health Expense	20,050.00
1,000.00 Tr.	1,500.00 ATM
Inspector of Animals	175.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	150.00
Sewer Maintenance	2,205.00
Total Health and Sanitation	<u>\$22,880.00</u>

Highways:

Municipal Building	\$ 2,400.00
Snow and Ice	19,915.00
Machinery Repair & Operation	16,800.00
Chapter 81	14,150.00
2,000.00 4,000.00 St. & Cty	6,000.00
9,850.00 29,550.00 St. & Cty	9,462.94
Highway Department	17,675.00
Flood Control	500.00
Street Lights	10,000.00
9,385.77	10,000.00
Public Drinking Fountain	50.00
Fence Viewers	50.00
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Veterans' Services:

Veterans' Serv. District Adm.

Veterans' Benefits

Total Veterans Services

\$5,098.95		\$5,098.95
31,000.00	<u>84.84 Ref.</u>	<u>30,321.59</u>
\$36,098.95	\$ 84.84	\$35,420.54

Education:

School Dept. Administration	\$17,540.00	\$50.00 Ref.	\$17,530.30	\$22,655.00
School Dept. Instruction	292,876.00	18.00 Ref.	290,367.43	351,531.00
School Dept. Operation	53,915.00		51,172.43	56,257.00
School Dept. Auxiliary Agencies	52,559.00		49,213.04	58,021.00
School Dept. New Equipment	4,009.00		3,855.38	3,686.00
Regional School	<u>563,239.30</u>		<u>563,239.30</u>	<u>631,143.64</u>
Total Education	\$984,138.30	\$ 68.00	\$975,377.88	\$1,123,293.64

Libraries:

Library Department

Total Libraries

\$17,230.00	<u>1,538.50 Ch.672</u>	<u>\$20,011.44</u>	<u>\$19,975.00</u>	<u>\$18,973.00</u>
\$17,230.00	\$2,782.94	\$20,011.44	\$19,975.00	\$18,973.00

Recreation and Unclassified:

Parks and Playgrounds	\$3,270.00	\$3,229.70	\$3,315.00	\$3,315.00
Playground Instructor	1,000.00	987.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Life Guard and Swimming Instruction	1,000.00	923.44	1,000.00	1,000.00
Memorial Hall Maint.	2,710.00	113.52 Tr.	2,823.52	2,035.00
Memorial Day	350.00	47.27 Tr.	397.27	350.00
Town Reports	2,000.00	207.50 Tr.	2,207.51	2,500.00

Band Concerts	700.00		700.00		700.00	
Music North Orange	65.00		65.00		65.00	
Fish and Game Distribution	400.00		400.00		400.00	
Fire Insurance Town Buildings	4,060.00	21.00 Ref.	4,052.00	4,060.00	4,060.00	
Comp. Insurance Town Employees	4,800.00	622.00 Ref.	4,361.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	
Mun. Emp. Group Insurance	10,800.00	28.72 Ref.	10,080.14	10,800.00	10,800.00	
Unoccupied School Building	500.00		100.00	500.00	500.00	
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		9,729.06	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Total Recreation and Unclassified	\$41,655.00	\$1,040.01	\$40,056.13	\$41,525.00	\$41,525.00	
<u>Enterprises and Cemeteries:</u>						
Airport - Administration Expense	\$1,115.00		\$ 669.95	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 1,115.00	
Airport - Building & Equipment Mt.	1,440.00	6.00 Ref.	1,214.69	1,290.00	1,290.00	
Airport Maintenance	2,500.00		1,182.57	3,850.00	3,850.00	
Water Commissioners Salaries	450.00		450.00	450.00	450.00	
Water Dept. Salaries & Wages	22,198.00		20,987.82	24,898.00	24,898.00	
Water Dept. Expense	9,665.00		9,444.15	11,155.00	11,155.00	
Water Dept. Equipment	4,700.00	27.46 Tr.	4,727.46	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Cemetery Commissioners Salaries	225.00		225.00	225.00	225.00	
Cemetery Department	9,928.00	7,166.86 Interest	17,044.67	11,477.00	11,477.00	
Total Enterprises and Cemeteries	\$52,221.00	\$7,200.32	\$55,946.34	\$62,460.00	\$62,460.00	

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest:	\$5,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,080.53	7,540.00	7,540.00
New Fire Truck Pumper	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,045.00	4,045.00	
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$9,900.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,580.53	\$11,585.00	\$11,585.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$1,423,144.35	\$81,109.42	\$1,448,950.54	\$1,612,824.64	\$1,607,692.64
					64

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for Vocational Education, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills of prior years.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to trade the present Police Car and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new car, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 4 and 5, Chapter 768, Acts of 1969, the Accelerated Highway program, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of money received under Section 4, Chapter 768, Acts of 1969, to be used with Chapter 90 Construction funds, or take any action thereto.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to sell or trade one 1963 Chevrolet Dump Truck and appropriate a sum of money from Road Machinery Earnings Reserve Account for the purchase of a new dump truck, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Reserve Account for the purchase of one new line stoker machine with attachments, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Road Machinery Earnings Reserve Account for the purchase of one new snow plow, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to sell or trade the 1965 Ford Truck used by the Water Department and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account for a new truck for the Water Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Water Surplus Account to cut in a gate and change the obsolete hydrant at Walnut Hill and West Myrtle Streets, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Water Surplus Account to repair and reactivate the well in Magee's Meadow, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the money

received under Chapter 672, Acts of 1963, for the Library Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 111 L, Chapter 41, Mass. General Laws, as amended, which provides that all members of its regular police or fire force may, after twenty years of service, be granted a vacation of five weeks without loss of pay, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 24: To see if the town will vote that a Committee of five be appointed by the Town Moderator to study and prepare plans for an addition to the Fire Station and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 25: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Roy W. French Estate for use of parking space, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to transfer the balance in the Purchase of Fire Truck Pumper Account to Maturing Debt for Fire Truck Pumper Account, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to continue the improvement and beautification of the south bank of the Millers River, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 28: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide rubbish collection along the paved highways of Lake Mattawa Road and Holtshire Road to service residents of the Lake Mattawa area, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 29: To see if the town will vote to accept as a gift from Bayer & Mingolla Industries Inc., a tract of land containing three acres more or less located at Wendell Depot, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 30: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the installation of four street lights on Eagleville Road from Daniel Shays Highway to the junction of Horton Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 31: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to support clinical services in Athol, offered by the Gardner Area Board of Mental Health and Retardation services, as authorized by Chapter 124 of the Acts and Resolves of 1958 and Chapter 735 Acts of Extra Session, 1966, or take any action in

relation thereto.

Article 32: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide additional facilities and improve present facilities at Butterfield Park and Playground, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 2 at a Special Town Meeting held November 3, 1969 to remodel, reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs to the Central School Building, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 34: To see if the town will appropriate an additional sum of money to supplement the \$290,000 voted under Article 2 at a Special Town Meeting held November 3, 1969 to remodel, reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs to the Central School Building and determine whether said additional appropriation shall be provided for by transfer from available funds in the treasury and/or by borrowing for a period not to exceed ten years, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the working plans and drawings on Central School, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to establish a committee of five to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to report at a Special Town Meeting in May, 1970 with definite recommendations on methods of providing necessary school space and appropriate a sum of money for use of said committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 37: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to extend the Sewer System from its present terminus on Mechanic Street northerly a distance of 825 feet, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 38: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to extend the Sewer System from its present terminus on Walnut Hill Street, southerly a distance of 1600 feet to the corner of Lake Mattawa Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 39: To see if the town will vote to approve the Town of Orange Preliminary Report on Domestic and Industrial Waste Water Collection and Treatment, dated January, 1970 on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 40: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of

money for site survey and legal description of land to be used for proposed Sewage Treatment Plant, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 41: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereto.

Article 42: To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use a sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 798, Acts of 1961, or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by publishing attested copies thereof, in the local newspapers, in said Town, once at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy.

ROGER W. MALLET
JAMES A. MACKNIGHT
SELECT MEN OF ORANGE

A true copy. ATTEST:

ALFRED L. BAKER
Constable of Orange

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Cover Photo: Orange's \$880,000 Housing for the Elderly project, on East River Street, will be completed in June and ready for rental. It will contain 56 living units. A social hall is at the center of the complex.

